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## Student Wins Irish Dance World Championship

by Christine Rousselle '13  
News Editor

CAMPUS NEWS

While most Providence College students spent Easter break at home with their families, Shane Fitzgerald '16 was doing something different: he was winning a world championship team title at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Boston.

Fitzgerald has been dancing since he was eight years old and currently trains at Harney Academy in Walpole, Mass. He started dancing after seeing a family friend dance and convinced his mother to bring him to a class. He has been training at Harney Academy for the past four years.

This was the fourth time that Fitzgerald had competed at the World Irish Dancing Championships.

He had previously competed at the 2009 championships in Philadelphia, the 2010 competition in Glasgow, and the 2011 championship in Dublin. The 2009 and 2013 competitions marked the only times the competition has been held outside of Europe.

Fitzgerald competes in both solo dances and in team dances. Previously Fitzgerald placed 19th in the solo competition in Dublin, and his team placed third in Glasgow. This past week, he placed 17th in Men's Under 21 solos, his highest placing ever at the World Championships,

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## Ledo Leaves for NBA

by James Kirby '15  
Sports Staff

BASKETBALL

He was supposed to be the solution. As the poster child of the change Ed Cooley was going to bring to Providence College basketball, Ricky Ledo symbolized the bright future that lay ahead for the program. After being declared ineligible by the NCAA for his freshman year, there was speculation that Ledo would declare for the NBA draft and end his college career before ever wearing a Friars uniform. It seems that will be the case after Ledo declared in a press release on Tuesday, April 9 that it would be best for him and his family to try his luck at the professional level

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## Students Register for Second Annual Bone Marrow Drive

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CAMPUS NEWS

If you had the opportunity to save a life, would you take it?

On Wednesday, students took that opportunity by registering for Providence College's second annual Bone Marrow Drive.

The Bone Marrow Drive is put on by the PC Alumni Association. The drive was started at the request of Patrick Lynch '03, who received a bone marrow transplant his senior year of high school. At the College, Lynch was highly involved as a member of Student Congress and Friars Club. He encouraged the PC Alumni Association to begin the Bone Marrow Drive last year. With Lynch, the Alumni Association got in touch with the Rhode Island Blood Center and has been involved in the process ever since.

At last year's Bone Marrow Drive, 230 marrow donors registered.

"There are many misconceptions of the process that is involved in donating marrow," said Paul Calle '12, coordinator of alumni relations at the Office of Institutional



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Advancement. "Our big process is getting information out to show people that it isn't as painful or hard as it seems. We're trying hard to do a lot of educating about the process."

Nicole Pineault, recruitment supervisor at the Rhode Island Blood Center, explained the donation process. She explained that donors fill out paperwork, give a cheek swab sample from the inside of the mouth, and are added to the

registry. Through the cheek swabs, the Rhode Island Blood Center does DNA typing, which is added to the information in the registry.

If a donor matches a patient, they could potentially be asked to donate bone marrow in one of two ways. Through the first, peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC), a donor's blood is removed through a needle. The second,

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## Where Art Thou, Campus Gallery?

by Sarah O'Brien '15  
Asst. A&E Editor

ARTS

Here it is, the moment we have all been waiting for—spring weather, and any excuse to hang out on the quad with friends. Although spending the day under the sun is highly recommended, there is another item you need to add to your spring semester bucket lists: find time to check out the impressive student art exhibitions in the galleries on lower campus.

In these last few weeks of classes, senior art majors will be presenting their thesis shows, two of which are already on display. Julia Christ '13 is currently presenting her show, *Memory Tokens*, in Reilly Gallery, located in Smith Center for the Arts, and Casey Cullen '13 is exhibiting her show, *60*, in Hunt-Cavanagh Gallery. Both shows display work that is very much at a professional level, which indicates the great amount of effort and preparation each artist put into her pieces.

Christ's *Memory Tokens* consists of a collection of oil paintings that represent a range of memories, some significant and influential, and others

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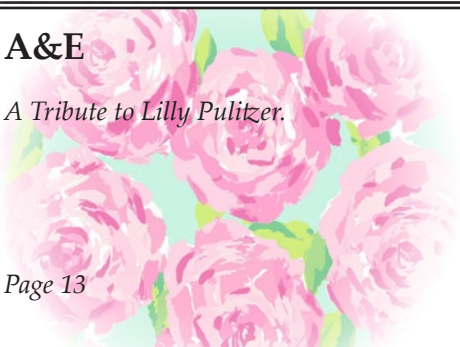


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## NEWS

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by Carolyn Bothwell '15  
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CAMPUS NEWS

### Commencement Speaker: Father Robert Barron

This year's 2013 Commencement speaker will be Father Robert Barron. Fr. Barron is an author, priest, and theologian. He created and hosts the award-winning documentary series *Catholicism*. He frequently commentates for various news organizations such as CNN, FOX News, and NBC.

### Students Celebrated the Weekend with Music

Students were excited to be back on campus with the nice weather this past weekend. And what better way to celebrate than to spend the weekend dancing? McPhail's hosted a music themed-weekend, starting with Friday night's Caribbean Roots Glow Party. The weekend concluded with a student-hosted Ultra party followed by McPhail's Reggae Night.

### Dominican Community Mourns Fr. Cochran, O.P

Former Providence College professor Fr. George Leonard Cochran, O.P., passed away on Saturday, March 30 at a healthcare facility in Columbus, Ohio. He was 84. Fr. Cochran retired from the College, where he was an associate professor of English, in 2002. He previously served as the assistant dean of undergraduate studies from 1988-1989, and was awarded the PC President's Distinguished Faculty Award at the 2001 Academic Convocation. He won many awards for his poetry and was included in several literary magazines. Fr. Cochran was interred at the Dominican Friars Cemetery on April 4.

### Tickets on Sale for Spring Concert

Tickets for this year's spring concert featuring Third Eye Blind and Hoodie Allen went on sale for \$15 this week. Unlike last year's concert with Avicii, there has not been a crowd of students waiting in line for hours to get their hands on a ticket. However, PC BOP urges students to purchase tickets before the price increases.

### Matt Weber Speaks on Life After Providence College

Matt Weber '06 received his master's degree from Harvard University and has become a television producer, contributor to the *Huffington Post*, and author of the book, *Fearing the Stigmata*. He spoke to students on Tuesday in the Slavin Overlook Lounge about life after graduating and living out his faith after PC.

## Congress Welcomes New Executive Board

by Andres Taborda '15  
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STUDENT CONGRESS

Student Congress president Justin Gomes '13 congratulated the newly-elected members of the 64th Student Congress Executive Board.

The Class of 2014 announced that Junior Night will be held on April 26 and that it is looking into having shuttles loop through the neighborhood where recent crimes have been taking place.

The Class of 2015 revealed that Done with Civ shirts are currently being sold at the Slavin Information Desk.

Bill No. SCB 63-11, the Proposal of Providence College Chess Club, passed with 40 votes.

Recommendation No. SCRC 63-12, regarding longboarding on campus, also passed with 40 votes. Under this piece of legislation, longboarding is now prohibited on campus during schools days between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. However, it is permitted across campus on weekends.

Amendment No. SCA 63-07, which outlines the submission of club budgets according to the standing legislation also passed. The amendment formalizes in writing that each club must submit a budget to Congress. It also includes the provision of capping proposed club budgets at \$1,200 a year.

Legislation was voted on prohibiting clubs and organizations from using allocated funds to purchase bottled water for events. Supporters of the legislation packed Moore Hall I to hear a lengthy debate that included motions to amend the legislation.

The amendments would have established waiver options that clubs would submit to the executive board for approval and another would set a one-semester trial period for the program before being reassessed.

Members of Congress overwhelmingly passed the legislation. The provisions within the legislation will go into effect in the fall semester.

The rules of Congress were suspended so Major Leyden and Providence Police Sergeant Fernandez could give an update and address the issue of violence off campus. Major Leyden explained that in response to the recent incidents of armed robberies, the Office of Safety and Security and the Providence Police Department are working together to deploy certain strategies to ensure the safety of all students. These measures include deploying decoys, young officers in plain clothes, to patrol the areas where the robberies occurred, and increase the amount of details around Douglas Avenue, Eaton Street, and other surrounding streets.

Amy Balfe '13 introduced two pieces of legislation that centered on amending the preamble of the Student Congress Constitution and the general Non-Discrimination Policy of the College to include sexual orientation.

Kaitlin Falls '13 introduced a piece of legislation that would encourage faculty to activate their Sakai site and post the syllabi for their classes prior to the beginning of the semester.

Dr. Steve Sears, dean of students, explained that this legislation would have to be approved by Kristine Goodwin, vice president of student affairs, and academic affairs before being sent to the Faculty Senate.

Another piece of legislation was introduced by Katelyn Higgins '13, chair of the Committee on Academics, and it proposed that students taking six semesters of the select performance ensemble class should be able to use that to fulfill their Fine Arts core requirement.

\*Kathleen Sullivan '14 and Kathleen McGinty '16 contributed to this article.

## 64th Student Congress Election Results

### Class of 2014

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Secretary: Julie Bash  
Reps: Tim Dalton  
Andrew Moses  
Tyler Stein  
Jake Nyklicek  
Vanessa Equitani



# Sonny Lacks Comes to Providence

by **Kathleen Sullivan '14**  
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CAMPUS LECTURES

David “Sonny” Lacks had all of ‘64 Hall giggling this past Thursday when he stated that if a movie were to be made about his family and their journey, he would want to play his childhood self. He exclaimed, “They can do wonders with make-up nowadays!”

Sonny Lacks is the son of Henrietta Lacks, and their family was the focus of this year’s Freshman Common Reading program book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. This book, by author and journalist Rebecca Skloot, tells the story of the woman behind the HeLa cells and her family’s journey to learn about the incredible advancements in science, all thanks to Henrietta.

Charles Haberle, assistant vice president of the Office of Academic Affairs, welcomed all in attendance and explained how over the past year so many members of the Providence College community have “engaged in a discussion of Henrietta’s life” during Orientation, through an essay contest, sponsored lab tours, and even a DWC Colloquium course. Before Haberle introduced the Footprints Gospel Choir, he stated, “Many have had the opportunity to learn more about the Lacks family throughout this year and this event is the culmination of all of it.”

Father Brian Shanley, O.P., stated that he did a “little fist pump” when he found out that *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* had been chosen for the Common Reading Program. “I had already read

it, and it was a brilliant choice,” he explained. “I got to learn a little science I didn’t know before,” and this book challenged all readers to go beyond what they already knew to better understand all the themes presented in this book, including human dignity.

The interview was lead by Joe Carr, assistant vice president of Marketing

giving person. It surprised me that people remember that 60 years ago and I can’t remember what I did last week!”

Mrs. Lacks-Whye explained that the family never really talked about Henrietta before, and the book gave them a vivid picture. “She loved making a pot of spaghetti for everyone, she loved to dance, she wore red nail



Sonny Lacks signed copies of the book after the interview on Thursday afternoon.

and Communications, and the questions centered on thoughts and memories of Henrietta, her contributions to science, reactions to the book, and opinions on some of the important themes the story presents. Mr. Lacks and Mrs. Lacks-Whye were kind and open to answering all of the questions that were asked, and they even entertained the audience throughout the interview by teasing one another from time to time.

On what he remembers about his mother, Mr. Lacks explained, “I was only four years old when my mother passed away, but I know she was a

polish just like we do. We think of her as a rock star, it’s just mind-blowing to us and the book makes us want to know more.”

After the death of his mother, Mr. Lacks was raised in an abusive family, and he stated that things would have been better if his mother was there, but “it feels good that her cells helped not just a few people, but the whole world.”

For example, one of the things that was made possible by Henrietta Lacks’ cells was the polio vaccine. Mrs. Lacks-Whye stated, “You look at immunization records, you see polio on the list, and

you say, hey thank you Henrietta!”

Henrietta Lacks’ cells were taken from her without her or her family’s knowledge or consent, and in addition to making vaccines and scientific discoveries by studying her cells, many scientists have made money by selling her cells for a profit. On that topic, Mr. Lacks and his daughter disagree. “Different family members have different views on it when they start commercializing and making profit off of it. The polio vaccine is gratitude enough.” Mrs. Lacks-Whye interjected saying, “We are just a little unsettled about how [John Hopkins, the hospital that took the cells,] withheld information from my family. Not mad, but unsettled.”

Mr. Lacks chuckled and added, “But that’s the younger generation. They don’t look at the big picture sometimes. Look at what good it did for the whole world.”

Johns Hopkins Hospital never apologized for taking Henrietta’s cells without asking, but there are a number of different events and scholarship programs to remember Henrietta. Mrs. Lacks-Whye mentioned “Microscope Day” where the family was able to see the HeLa cells in a lab. Mr. Lacks said, “I got a chance to see the cells and hey, she was something else.” Mrs. Lacks-Whye added, “It was kind of neat for us to see it as a family.”

They expressed how they both thought the book was excellent, that they have maintained a close relationship with Skloot, and that the most important thing for them through this whole experience is to keep her memory alive throughout generations. Mr. Lacks and Mrs. Lacks-Whye are so proud of the contributions Henrietta made to science, society, and humanity.

# Alumni Offer Students Pathways to Success

by **Elizabeth Nako '15**  
News Staff

CAMPUS EVENTS

On Saturday morning, April 6, students dressed in business formal attire proceeded into Moore Hall for the seventh annual Pathways to Success Business Conference. The event was planned by the Future Friar Executives in collaboration with the Providence College School of Business, the Career Education Center, and the Office of Alumni Relations. There were roughly 140 students who registered to attend this event.

After students checked in at the registration table, they then filed into one of the lecture halls where opening remarks were presented by Jennifer Anello ‘13, president of FFE, Megan Quann ‘13 and Madeleine Romeu ‘15, the conference co-chairs of FFE, and Dr. Christine E. Earley, the associate dean of the School of Business. Dr. Earley talked about the value of a higher education and how the business school “wants to do everything they can to help in process [of career placement].”

After Dr. Earley finished, she then welcomed the opening keynote speaker, Adam Benjamin ‘91, who is part of the global marketing solutions team for Facebook. Benjamin has worked for Facebook for the last three and a half years, and he describes the culture as outstanding and like “nothing I’ve ever seen.” He gave advice and what he referred to as “lessons learned” from working in many different businesses before he reached where he is today.

After Benjamin finished his presentation, students attended two

“Breakout Sessions” of their choosing that included titles such as “Mapping out a Future of Success” and “Real World Advice to Help You Prepare for Your Future.” The sessions were designed to suit everyone’s interests, including a breakout session for non-business majors titled “The Value of a Liberal Arts Degree in the Business World.”

Each of the sessions featured a presentation by PC alumni who talked about the impact that a PC education had on their lives in furthering their success in the business world. All of the alum speakers stressed how networking is important and “getting your foot in the door” to be able to move around the market. They also recommended summer internships as the best way to make a difference in a business.

After the breakout sessions resided, a complimentary lunch was provided and students attended an employer panel. Finally, the day ended with closing remarks by FFE and Stacey Moulton, the associate director of the Career Education Center.

The conference seemed to be an overall success, described by both Moulton and Quann as “a long process, and months spent planning.”

Moulton commends Quann and Romeu for “having done a lot of work to demonstrate the career and successes that alumni have done.” Moulton describes this student-run event as “a lot of career advice from great alums reaping how great and strong the PC network is [and] students hearing from someone who



Students of all majors attended the Pathways to Success conference.

had the same education and built a future for themselves.” Moulton stresses that all the planned sessions help students “see how alums became successful and that a specific major does not define anyone.”

Quann describes the annual conference as “a chance to see what lies ahead and the perspectives of people who have actually gone through it.” She said that a lot of commendation has to be given to the alums because without PC having access to services such as the Office of Alumni Relations, they would not have gotten half of the alumni that they had at the event. Paul Calle ‘12, coordinator of alumni relations, says that from an alumnus perspective it is great “to see how strong the PC network and that it is nice to keep alumni connected to the school. Alumni are always excited to come back to campus.”

The students who stayed until the conference’s culmination in the early afternoon were pleased with the advice and resources they were able to learn more about. “What I liked most about the event is I felt comforted hearing advice and knowledge from PC alums knowing they were once in my shoes and showing that they can provide any feedback and assistance in strengthening my network,” said TJ Hoban ‘15.

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# MARROW: “Be the Match”

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marrow donation, involves a surgical procedure in which doctors take liquid marrow from the back of the donator’s pelvic bone.

Pineault is a registered bone marrow donor, and her husband was called to donate three years ago. He donated through the PBSC procedure for a 62-year-old male with leukemia. Her cousin also donated for an 11-year-old girl with leukemia in September.

Megan Gorman ‘14 registered for the drive on Wednesday. When asked about her motivation for doing so she said, “I love giving back to others. I know a lot of people who would love

to do this but can’t, so I do it for them.”

In addition to bone marrow donation, the Rhode Island Blood Center also conducts blood donation, an umbilical cord blood donation program, and a therapeutic program in hospitals that administers therapeutic treatment for patients. “I think that there are few opportunities to literally save someone’s life,” said Pineault. “You might be the only person to help cure this person. This is what someone is doing, they are providing a cure. It’s pretty powerful; you might be the difference between life and death for someone. It’s a tremendous gift, when you meet the transplant recipients they are extremely grateful.”

# IRISH: Placed First in Mixed Ceili

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and his team placed first in the Over 16 Mixed Ceili competition. This was their first world championship win as a team. His team is composed of eight champion-level dancers (four boys and four girls).

The mixed ceili competition consists of a two and a half minute routine that contains both males and females. Ceili is a traditional Irish folk dance that consists of partner work and line formations. Competitors in the World Irish Dance Competition are divided by age and gender.

Scores and placements are revealed one by one at the world championships, and initially Fitzgerald felt “really nervous” when the first judge placed his team fourth. The other judges, however, awarded his team “five 100s,” (meaning a first-overall placement) and the nervous feelings quickly dissipated.

“It was the best feeling when we realized that we had officially won,” said Fitzgerald. “We had all been on teams for years, winning regional and national championships, and placing

second or third at the Worlds, so this was the culmination of all of our competitive dance careers. It was so exciting and rewarding to know that the hours and hours spent in the studio over the years had finally paid off.”

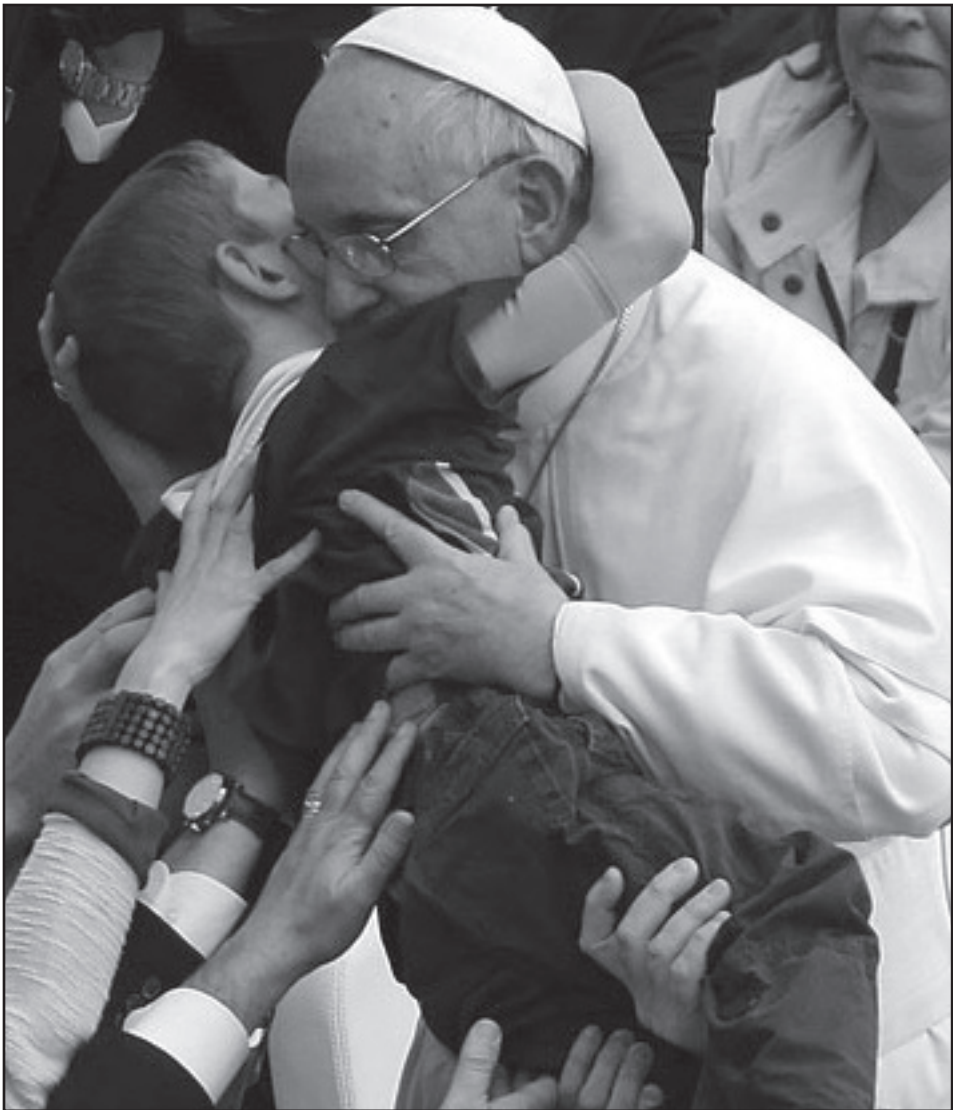
In addition to his competitive Irish dance experience, Fitzgerald is also a member of the College’s Irish Dance Club. He appreciates the relaxed, non-competitive nature of the club, and said his participation in the club has been an “awesome” experience.

“It’s nice to be able to dance with a group of people who enjoy it and don’t care about the strict rules we need to follow in front of the judges,” explained Fitzgerald.

As for Fitzgerald’s future dance endeavors, he admits he is not quite sure as to what is going to happen next. He thinks that his team is probably going to retire as a group, having achieved the “ultimate goal” of a world championship win, but Fitzgerald is considering attending the 2014 World Irish Dance Championships in London to improve on his solo placing.

“There’s still a lot of room to move up from 17th,” said Fitzgerald.

# (Pope) Francis Meets Dominic (Gondreau)



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The encounter between Pope Francis and Dominic Gondreau drew comparisons to the historical meeting between St. Francis and St. Dominic.

by Christine Rousselle ‘13  
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PC IN ROME

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It was the hug heard around the world. On Easter Sunday, an image of Pope Francis embracing a small boy with cerebral palsy took the Internet by storm, gracing major news outlets and the homepage of *The Drudge Report*. That boy was Dominic Gondreau, the eight-year-old son of Dr. Paul Gondreau, a professor in the Department of Theology, who is currently serving as the director of the Providence College Center for Theology & Religious Studies in Rome. Gondreau has taught at Providence College since 1997.

The unlikely encounter between Pope Francis and Dominic Gondreau almost did not happen. Although Dr. Gondreau’s wife and Dominic were in a reserved area for disabled patrons, Pope Francis did not stop during his first pass by where they were standing. When the Pope returned, one of the ushers, a man named Augustino, motioned for Dr. Gondreau’s wife to move closer and to lift Dominic out of his wheelchair so that the pope could possibly bless him. Pope Francis then held and kissed Dominic, who returned the hug with a wide smile.

Although Dominic is physically disabled with cerebral palsy, Dr. Gondreau explained that his son is

cognitively normal and understood the significance of the gesture and knew who the person holding him was.

Dr. Gondreau nearly missed the encounter between Dominic and the Pope and only noticed it because his other son, Lucas, noticed on a jumbotron that the pope was holding his brother.

“Lucas yelled, ‘It’s Dominic!’ and I saw the image on the screen and just started crying,” said Dr. Gondreau. Many others in St. Peter’s Square were also incredibly moved by the Pope’s embrace.

Almost immediately, photos of the Pope’s embrace of Dominic went viral. Dr. Gondreau and his wife were “up late every night” the week following Easter appearing on various news outlets, including FOX News, CBS News, CNN, and EWTN.

Dr. Gondreau theorizes that his son’s image gained so much attention because the length of the encounter was more than just a simple kiss or a quick blessing, and that it was clearly a “very moving, tender display of love from the Pope.”

Dr. Gondreau feels as though this gesture was a display of love and was meant to show the world how to give and receive love. He also feels as though the Pope’s embrace of his son appealed to the humanity inherent in every person.

“We’re deeply humbled that God has chosen to use our son.”



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Fitzgerald, (second row, third from left) and his teammates pose with their first place trophy.

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## International Topless Jihad Day

by Ben Remillard '13  
World Staff

INTERNATIONAL

Amina Tyler, a 19-year-old Tunisian, posted photos of herself to her Facebook page that created an international sensation. One photo portrays Tyler with the words, “My body belongs to me and is not the source of anyone’s honor,” written across her naked chest, as she calmly reads a book and smokes a cigarette. Another photo is of Tyler, with the words “F\*\* Your Morals” written across her chest in English, flipping off the camera she is facing.

Tyler told a Tunisian paper that she posted these photos to protest the policies of the ruling Ennahda party, which imposes what she argues to be unequal gender laws. In response, a fatwa—a legal decree, handed down by an Islamic religious scholar or leader—was released that condemned Tyler to death by either whipping or stoning. Tunisian imam Adel Almi, chair of the Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, reportedly went on to say that Tyler “must be quarantined because what she did is an epidemic.”

In response to Tyler's actions, the feminist group FEMEN celebrated an International Topless Jihad Day on April 4. FEMEN is a Ukrainian protest group that specializes in topless protests as a way to object sex tourists, international marriage agencies, sexism, and other topics.

One group, Muslim Women

Against FEMEN, has taken offense to Tyler's message. The group calls FEMEN's protest “white colonial feminists” spitting “colonial racist rubbish disguised as ‘women's liberation,’” calling for people to “SMASH THE WHITE SUPREMACIST CAPITALIST PATRIARCHY! POWER TO THE MUSLIMAHS!”

Other critiques by Muslims have featured women posting images of themselves online with their own messages. Some pictures have included messages such as, “Shame on you FEMEN, Hijaab is my right! #Muslimahpride,” and “Nudity DOES NOT liberate me and I DO NOT need saving #MuslimahPride #FEMEN.”

Ukrainian Inna Shevchenko, head of FEMEN, responded to the MWAFF attacks by saying that as a woman living in a former Soviet nation, she could understand how people could be brainwashed by their nations into believing that a lack of equal rights is acceptable. Answering arguments of cultural imperialism, the FEMEN head said, “You claim that we bring you our idea from our part of the world and you don't need it. The idea of freedom doesn't have anything to do with nationality or color of skin.”

The atheist Shevchenko argued that it is not the goal of her group to specifically attack religions, but people “who are constantly oppressing women, covering them, disrespecting them, raping them, beating them whether they are religious or not. But if they do it in name of religion then we can do nothing but tell them their religion is worth nothing.”

Tyler has been in hiding since the photos went online. In an interview



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A FEMEN protestor rushes President Vladimir Putin of Russia to raise awareness for the Topless Jihad movement, which has captured public attention with its unorthodox approach.

she did with French satellite television station Canal+, Tyler revealed that she had been kidnapped by her family after the postings, and that her cell phone was broken by her cousin, who then beat her.

Tyler says that she hopes to finish school and become a journalist, but will probably have to leave the country due to the threats she had received both over the phone and on Facebook, including “You're going to die!” and “We're going to throw acid in your face.”

Tyler was thankful for her family's

support in the interview and expressed that they were supportive of women's rights, yet feared the consequences of Tyler's actions. *The Atlantic* reports that Shevchenko believes Tyler’s exposure to the media has been limited, given that she incorrectly stated events that occurred at one of the protests in Paris. The Ukrainian also believes Tyler was speaking under duress at the time, given that she was speaking in a stuttered, halting way while in the presence of her father.

## Even Thieves Cannot Get Enough Nutella

by Naomi Eide '13  
Senior Staff Writer

INTERNATIONAL

It seems as if no one can resist the delectable qualities of the heavenly spread known as Nutella. Last weekend 5.5 tons, almost 11,000 pounds, of Nutella were stolen from a parked trailer in the central German spa town of Bad Hersfeld. The thieves made off with 6,500 jars of the Hazelnut spread, worth almost \$20,000. *The Atlantic Wire* reported that the unidentified thieves will most likely sell the chocolate gold on the black market. Though black market Nutella sales seem far-fetched, Nutella is substantially more expensive than other spreads and also faces a potential price increase in places like France where there is a possibility of a new tax on chocolate.

At the beginning of April, Columbia University’s student newspaper reported that its students were consuming almost \$5,000 worth of Nutella per week. It turned out that the numbers were grossly exaggerated, as initial on-campus reports claimed that students were consuming 100 pounds of Nutella a day. Though it would have been exciting for a University to spend \$250,000 a year on Nutella, a statement released by Columbia University clarified that “the mundane fact,

according to the University’s Division of Dining Services, is that the weekly cost of the Nutella supply is actually less than 10 percent of the amount originally reported on a student blog.”

The reason the false reports from the Columbia student newspaper gained attention was because people have a general addiction to Nutella and wanted to know that their obsession was somewhat normal. Making light of the false reports, Sree Sreenivasan, Columbia University’s chief digital officer, said, “I mean, who can resist a sweet story involving hazelnut spread...I assumed it to be true just based on the Nutella consumption in my house.”

Even students at Providence College campus have a tendency to lose their marbles when Nutella is present. Available in convenient locations such as the Friar Buyer and the bookstore, Nutella can be found in the original jars or in simple To-Go packs which falsely advertise the actual amount of Nutella present to be paired with crackers.

When asked about their Nutella feelings, several PC students replied with a creative pairing of adjectives. Allison Bousquet '15 said that Nutella “is heavenly goodness that wraps your taste buds up in a soft blanket of sweetness.” Sarah Cardoza '15 also extolled Nutella’s decadence, mentioning that “Nutella is the essence of tasteful delight. With each bite comes a whirlwind of the perfect

balance of hazelnut and perfectly creamy chocolate.” Sean Murphy '14 explained his tendency to perform acrobatic tricks after tasting the hazelnut spread, saying that Nutella’s “smooth and creamy taste excites my taste buds and makes me want to dance.”

The sad truth is that Nutella is bad for you. The company markets the fan favorite by stating, “People of all ages enjoy the flavorful combination of simple ingredients like roasted hazelnuts, skim milk and a touch of cocoa. Nutella is gluten free, peanut free, certified Kosher, and has no artificial colors or preservatives.” The truth is that a single two tablespoon serving has the equivalent of five teaspoons of sugar. Those looking to spice up their snacks are seriously misguided, as Nutella is basically chocolate frosting.

Last year Nutella faced a class action suit for false advertising, had to pay out almost \$3 million, and was required to change its marketing claims. The only reason the company had been able to successfully market a chocolate spread is because the presence of milk and hazelnuts gives a serving three grams of protein, which is a minute amount considering the human body should have 0.32

grams of protein per pound of body weight every day. The moral of the story is that the Nutella that thieves and students alike are craving is simply a high-caloric treat that should only be occasionally enjoyed.





# Brown University Healthcare Covers Transgender Operations

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PROVIDENCE

In an effort to make university policies more embracing of transgender students, the prestigious Ivy League will now cover the costs of all future sex-change surgeries for students under Brown University's health plan. Starting in August, the university will offer 14 different types of procedures ranging from scrotoplasty, labiaplasty, and clitoroplasty to placement of testicular prostheses. However, the plan currently only covers these procedures for students and has yet to extend this generous package to faculty or staff members.

Hormone treatment and surgical procedures can cost more than \$50,000. Depending on the case, doctors deem the procedure medically necessary; however, most insurance plans refuse to cover the expenses because it has often been considered as cosmetic surgery.

Although the issue affects a minority of students, those pursuing such options have often been barred from getting the procedures done due to such high costs and the lack of coverage from insurance plans. According to the LGBTQ Center at

Brown, it has taken some people 10 years to save up for the costs of such a life-changing operation. The LGBTQ Center does not have statistics in regards to how many transgender students there are at Brown. It is difficult to collect such data due to self-reporting and the nature of some students' gender identity changes during their time in college.

Brown University is not the only school making efforts to help transgender students. Currently, 36 universities cover some sort of sexual reassignment surgery or hormone treatment therapy. Many of the nation's elite universities have been quite generous in their health care plans and cover the sex-change procedure's cost including institutions such as Stanford University, Harvard University, New York University, Emory University, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, and all of the University of California schools.

According to *The Brown Daily Herald*, "Kelly Garrett, LGBTQ Center coordinator, said she has strongly advocated this change for the past several years. A milestone in the movement to add coverage for these surgeries was the inclusion of hormone treatment in the current school year's coverage plan, Garrett added. The sexual reassignment procedures that will be covered are 'very standard and



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Brown will become the 37th university in the United States to offer coverage for sexual reassignment surgery through its insurance plan.

very comprehensive,' she said."

"The insurance policy changes are part of a broader effort to address University policies affecting transgender students,' Garrett said. Other attempts to improve University policies, she added, 'include training people at Health Services and Psychological Services, creating and disseminating lists of gender-bathrooms on campus and advocating for gender-neutral housing options for students.'"

Sid Rhodes '16, a member and forthcoming secretary of Providence College's very own LGBTQ organization, SHEPARD, commented that "Brown University's new healthcare plan is a significant step towards trans inclusion and support." She added, "Brown University is not only saying they accept people all along the gender spectrum, but also that they are willing to support these people in bettering their own lives and making themselves more comfortable."

# Former British Prime Minister Dies

## The Controversial Leader that Reformed and Split a Nation

by Ben Remillard '13  
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ENGLAND

Margaret Thatcher, the former British Prime Minister who served from 1979 to 1990, has died following a stroke on Monday. Her rule was the longest continuous run in office by a British PM in over 150 years.

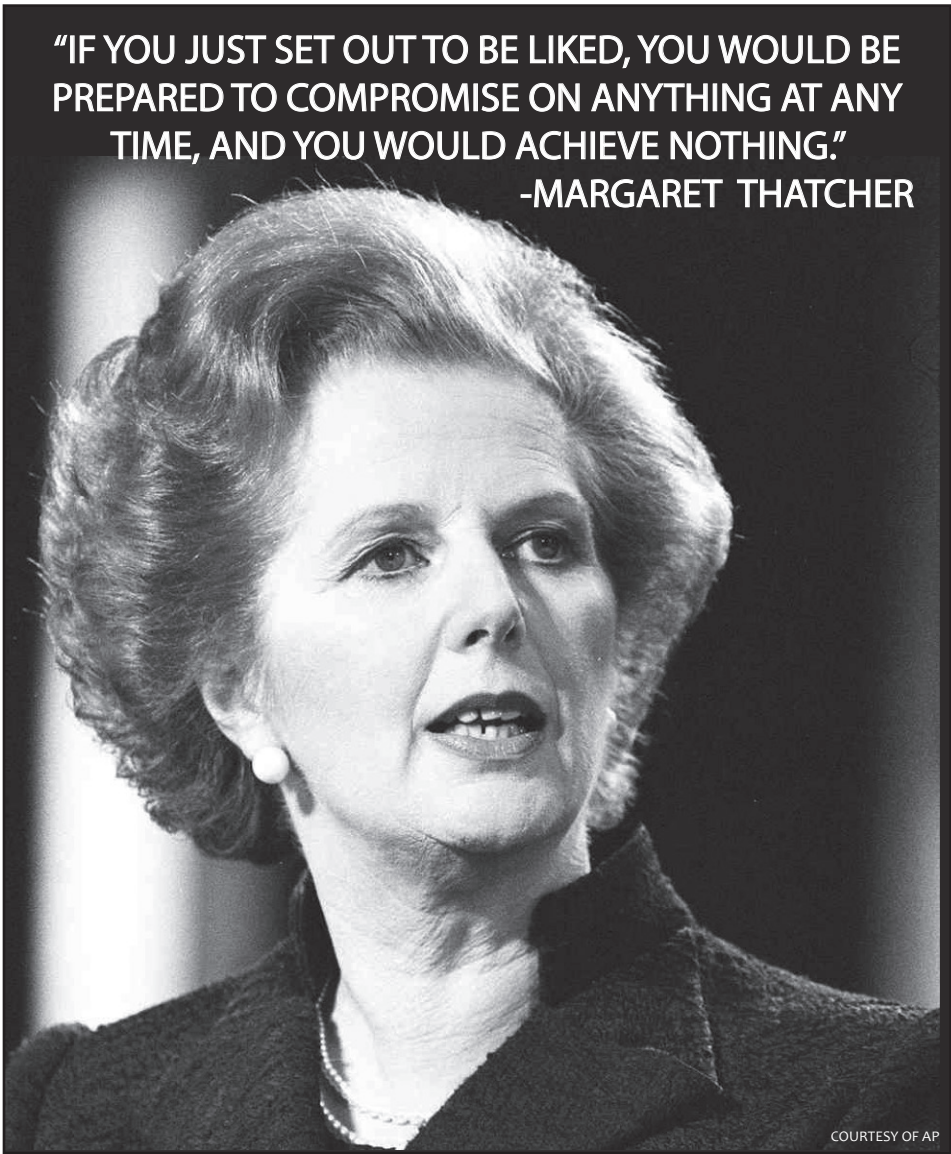
Raised in the small eastern English town of Grantham, Margaret Hilda Roberts grew up in a flat with no hot water above the family grocery store her father, Alfred, ran. She went to Oxford University to study chemistry, and became a Minister of Parliament for the first time in 1959.

After winning the election of 1979, the Prime Minister embarked on the program that would become known as Thatcherism. Hoping to reverse the economic decline in Britain that gave rise to rebellious punk rock groups such as The Clash and The Sex Pistols, Thatcher launched a career defined by deregulation, privatization of state owned-companies, flexible labor markets, and reduction of the influence of unions.

While the economy continued to fluster, Thatcher faced an invasion of the British-controlled Falkland Islands by Argentina. Her determination to keep the Falklands under British control won her much praise as a wartime leader, and a reelection, in 1982.

One of the most enduring legacies of Thatcher, as captured by the musical *Billy Elliot*, is of her struggle against unions. Two-thirds of the nation's mine workers went on strike after Thatcher promised to close 20 out of the 174 state-owned mining facilities. After a year of striking, the unions conceded, though it cost the nation £1.5 billion.

The results of the strike, and Thatcher's refusal to deal with the unions, are still blamed today for affecting the UK economy into the 1990s. According to the BBC, the



eventual loss of 150 mines—not all of which had been losing money—cost tens of thousands of jobs, and decreased the value of the pound in comparison to the rising US dollar.

Thatcher's fight against unions is often ultimately seen as a victory for the Tory. The BBC reports that from 1979 to 1990, the number of work stoppages per year declined from nearly 4600 down to 630. Additionally, union membership declined from 13.5 million to fewer than 10 million. The National Union of Mineworkers left

a simple message on their website following Thatcher's death, ending their statement by saying, "Margaret Hilda Thatcher is gone but the damage caused by her fatally flawed politics sadly lingers on. Good Riddance."

After her second reelection in 1987, Thatcher made it a point of pride to keep Britain out of European integration talks. British isolationism has remained a staple of British policy to this day, as the UK maintains its European Union membership while still rejecting many of its policies and

regulations, preferring instead to let the UK decide how the UK should be run. This has led to the strengthening of the British pound while the Euro continues its decline as a result of the worldwide economic downturn.

Remembered for her close relationship with US President Ronald Reagan, the two built a reputation for promoting free market economies. Together, they built a new relationship with reformist Soviet Premiere Mikhail Gorbachev, one that depended on strengthened relations between the West and the Soviet bloc in the closing days of the Cold War.

Newspapers in London split along ideological lines following news of the PM's death. The conservative *Daily Mail*'s featured story was entitled "The Woman Who Saved Britain," while the liberal *Daily Mirror* led with "The Woman Who Divided A Nation."

During the 1970s, Thatcher earned the moniker "The Iron Lady" from a Soviet army newspaper for her reputation as a determined, strong-willed leader. Other nicknames along the way included "Maggie Thatcher, Milk Snatcher," for her role in eliminating free milk for schoolchildren in her attempts to attack socialist policies, "The Grocer's Daughter," and "Attila the Hen."

Her 2011 biopic *The Iron Lady* was criticized by some for portraying the PM in an unflattering light in her old age. In it, Meryl Streep portrays an elderly Thatcher beset with dementia, with the Iron Lady fully retreated from the public eye. Defenders of the film argue that the portrayal seeks to show not only the struggles Thatcher had to overcome as a politician, but as a woman, wife, and mother as well.

A ceremonial burial at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, complete with military guard, will take place next week according to her family's wishes. Conservative Members of Parliament are calling for it to be a state funeral, which would be the first such ceremony for a commoner since Sir Winston Churchill's in 1965.



# PC Students Return to Nicaragua to Understand Fair Trade Coffee

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NICARAGUA

The day is dry and hot. It is easily 98 degrees. The morning has just begun for Dennis Martinez, an organic coffee farmer.

The coffee farm is not a typical farm. It is a lush mountain covered in green coffee bushes and other foliage. Plantain trees speckle the area and streams gurgle at the base of the mountain.

These organic coffee farms are special because everything is natural. While walking around, no one has to worry about breathing in pesticides or rubbing up against chemicals.

Dennis Martinez spends the day planting coffee and harvesting ripe coffee beans using organic methods. He said he chose organic farming through the fair trade market because he knew it was better for the earth and healthier for people.

“Just as if I were to use chemicals on my body, I wouldn’t last as long,” he said.

But producing organically-grown coffee and selling it in the free market is not profitable. Instead, Martinez relies on the fair trade market, a trading model designed to guarantee workers fair wages and just treatment and to use environmentally sustainable farming methods.

Despite the extra money he earns from selling fair trade, he still lives in poverty.

Nine Providence College students traveled to Nicaragua over spring break this year to learn about coffee farming with the goal of finding a way to leverage PC’s coffee cravings into a better lifestyle for farmers in third world countries.

It was a second time a delegation has gone on the trip and the group gained a better appreciation for fair trade and organic coffee.

Providence College spends \$88,000 on coffee every year, and most of the supply is purchased by Sodexo, the school’s food service supplier.

Sodexo gets its coffee from Asperreto, Starbucks, and Newport Traders, which each have fair trade and organic brands. The amount that PC purchases under the fair trade brands is minimal and none of it is organic.

Martinez is one of thousands of small farmers across the globe who work to bring that \$3 cup of coffee to the coffee shop near you. Coffee production creates 300,000 permanent jobs in Nicaragua and small farmers are the backbone of the industry, with 80 percent of the farms owned by small farmers.

But for farmers like Martinez, who want to produce healthy products using sustainable farming methods, it is not easy to make a profit.

Fair trade farmers get \$30 more than free market conventional farmers and another \$10 more if there is a profit, Martinez said.

The market for fair trade and organic produce is smaller than the free trade market, which makes the coffee more expensive and harder to sell, he said. In the free market, demand for the cheaper product is preferred.

If there was a larger market for fair trade and organic coffee, however, the product would be cheaper too, Martinez said. This convoluted cycle is hard to escape but, Martinez said, if the consumer demands organic and fair trade, the producers will benefit and so will the consumers.

Martinez has watched other farmers who use chemicals on their coffee and has noticed that their plantations do not last as long. The chemicals stress

the land and make the plants produce quickly and all at once but then are not sustainable for the next season, he said.

Many farmers reject organic production, Martinez said, because it generates a smaller initial production, producing 50 or 100 lbs. bags less than conventional techniques. But, in the long run, growing coffee using organic techniques is more sustainable and cost efficient than other methods.

Martinez makes his own fertilizer from fruits and vegetables instead of paying \$1,000 cordoba, the US equivalent of \$43, per 100 lbs. bag. He also makes his own organic insect repellents, saving him the cost of buying pesticides.

“The market is interested in making more and is not interested in how it will affect our bodies,” said Martinez. “Businesses don’t care where [the coffee] comes from, just that we buy it, so we must be the messengers for change.”

Anne Ruelle ’13, who was a member of the PC delegation, said she was impressed by Martinez’s depth of knowledge and understanding of his craft.

“Hereferred tohisplantsasiftheywere people,” she said. “His understanding of the interconnectedness between humans and nature — something I feel we’ve lost in the US — led to his insistence on producing organic coffee and other products.”

Martinez told the group that he was leaving them with all of his knowledge so that they can be teachers in their society.

“No one on this planet is irreplaceable,” said Martinez. “The question of the century is whether it is worth investing in something you won’t see benefits from for a long time?”

Collin Anderson ’15, who has gone on the Nicaragua trip for the last two years, said the experience has changed the way he views the world.

“This year, I came back better understanding myself, my role in the world, and just how connected we all are,” Anderson said. “Being able to reconnect with friends that we met last year across the small nation was one of the most incredible experiences — the kind that sticks with you forever.”



“Dennis Martinez shows us the coffee plants found on his plantation. This one has just been planted and will later grow into a much larger bush.”



“The group walking in one of the coffee plantations we visited.”



“Here are some of us with the children of Escambray, the community outside of Jalapa where Dennis Martinez had his coffee plantation.”

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# BUSINESS IN THE WORLD

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BUSINESS

Starting April 12, a new Facebook app called Home will be available for download to Android-operated phones. It will also be preloaded on Samsung Electronics Co. (005930) and HTC Corp. (2498) phones. The user will no longer need to launch Facebook’s app in order to check messages, photos, and status updates. All those will show up on a mobile device’s screen through the Home app.

As the proportion of Facebook users on laptops falls, the number of its fans on mobile devices keeps growing. The new app should help Facebook adjust to this change and achieve higher profits in ads sales. After its launch, the Home app will have no ads for a while, but they will be added eventually.

The market analysts see dangers for Google in the introduction of the new app. The Android operating system is free and allows phone manufacturers to transform it with few restrictions. This business model aims to get as many people as possible to use Google’s services and, thus, see its ads. The Home app may divert people from Google’s services, like Chat, to Facebook and its ads.

On April 4, Haruhiko Kuroda, governor of the Bank of Japan, announced his plan for a massive quantitative easing program. Mr. Kuroda first spoke of buying government debt in March when approved for his position. His current plan to expand BOJ’s balance sheet will lead to a purchase of 7.5 trillion yen (\$78.6 billion) of bonds a month.

BOJ is ready to double the monetary base (currency in circulation and commercial banks’ reserves) by the end of 2014. The goal is to revitalize

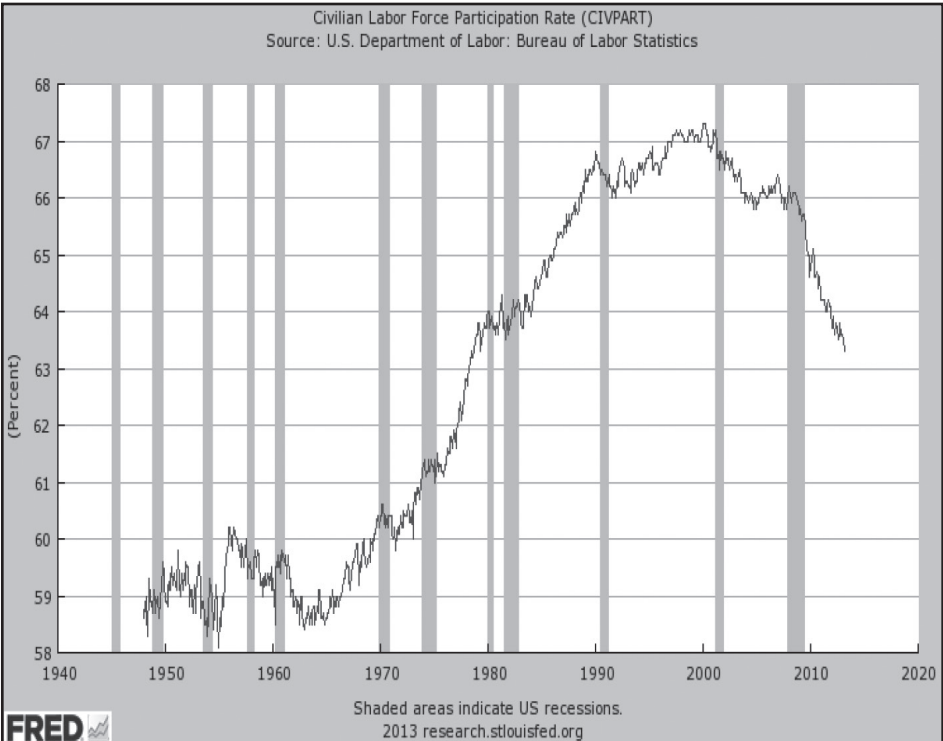


Peter Chou, CEO of HTC, will pre-load the new Facebook Home app on its HTC First phones.

the economy after two decades of stagnation and achieve the target two percent inflation rate. The inflation rate estimated for February 2013 is -0.6 percent. One of the consequences of quantitative easing will be a weaker yen.

Devalued currency makes Japanese exports more competitive by taking away from those of China and South Korea. On the other hand, Chinese factories may benefit from buying cheaper Japanese components. The competition may also be avoided since Chinese factories tend to produce a lot of low-end goods while Japanese firms focus on higher-end manufacturing.

# Mike’s Market Corner



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BUSINESS

The March jobs report released on Friday, April 5 revealed that just 88,000 jobs were created for the month of March, down sharply from the 268,000 jobs created in the month of February. Yet the unemployment rate has continued to inch down, as it fell to 7.6 percent. This can be attributed to a decrease in the labor force participation rate, which counts the number of people actively searching for employment. The labor force participation rate fell to 65.3 percent, the lowest level since 1979. More robust job growth will be needed to sustain the economic recovery and the current stock market rally.

On Monday morning, General Electric (GE) announced it had

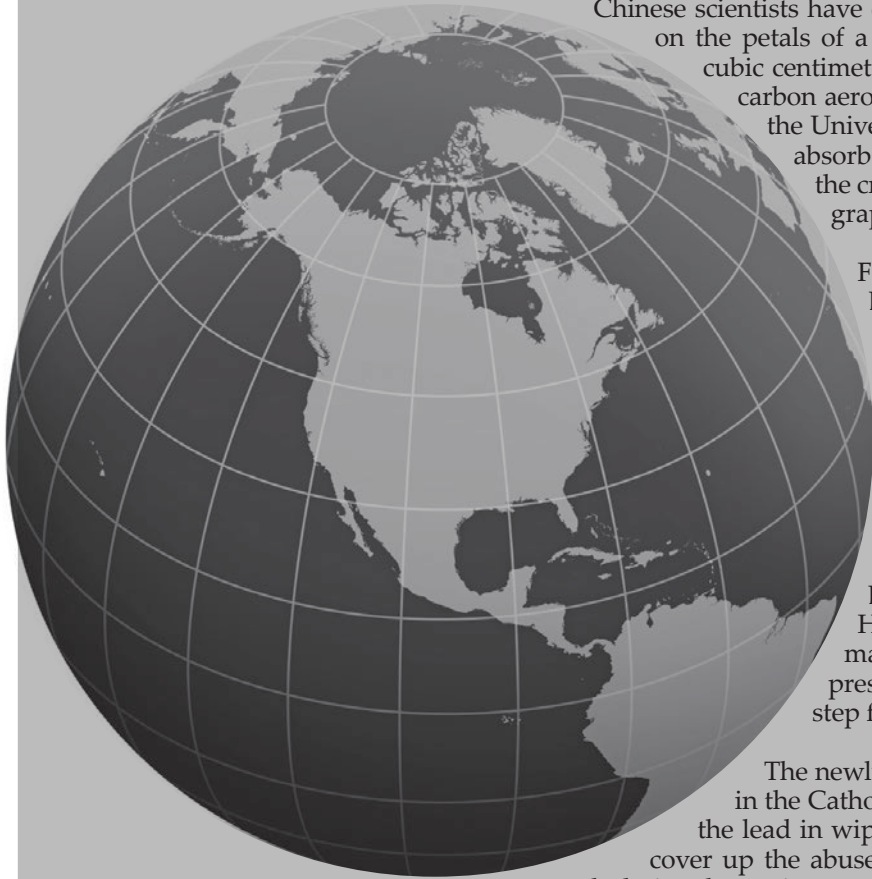
acquired Lufkin Industries (LUFK) for \$3.3 billion in an all-cash deal. This amounted to \$88.50 per share, a 38.40 percent premium over Friday’s closing price of \$63.93. LUFK specializes in the production of oilfield equipment and GE CEO Jeff Immelt said this acquisition would help grow its oil and gas division.

Alcoa (AA) kicked off earnings season on Monday, posting Q1 2013 EPS of \$0.11 on revenue of \$5.83 billion vs. EPS estimates of \$0.08 on revenue of \$5.89 billion. Alcoa’s slight earnings beat does not help the market, but it also does not hurt it. The other major Q1 2013 earnings reports this week came Friday, when both JP Morgan (JPM) and Wells Fargo (WFC) report. These will provide meaningful insights into the financial sector of the economy and will set the tone for the rest of the banks’ earnings.

# The WORLD in BRIEF

by Ben Remillard '13  
World Staff

BRIEFS



Chinese scientists have created the world’s lightest material. Known as carbon aerogel, the material can be placed on the petals of a delicate flower without crushing them. According to scientists at Zhejiang University, a cubic centimeter of the material has a mass of 0.16 milligram. *The Huffington Post* reports that this makes carbon aerogel 12 percent lighter than the previous record holder, aerographite, which was created by the University of Hamburg in Germany. Described as durable and highly elastic, carbon aerogel can absorb up to 900 times its weight in liquid and may be utilized in electronics. Dr. Chao Gao, one of the creators, says that the process involves freeze-drying a semi-solid gel of carbon nanotubes and graphene, a substance composed of pure carbon.

Forty-five years to the day after Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s death, a video showing James Earl Ray has been put online. The video, which was discovered in 2011, was unearthed by the Shelby County sheriff’s office in Tennessee, who had no way of viewing the materials because they did not have the technology required. The video shows Ray in 1968 as he is searched and given a bulletproof vest and medical exam at a Memphis jail. Ray was captured in London two months after shooting King at a Memphis hotel on April 4, 1968. Ray was sentenced to 99 years in prison, and died at the age of 70 in 1998.

Last week, a US federal judge ruled that Plan B, also known as the “morning after pill,” must be made available to girls of all ages. Judge Edward Korman of Brooklyn mandated that his ruling must go into effect within 30 days. Different from the “abortion pill,” Plan B works up to 72 hours after having sexual intercourse. President Obama has supported Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius’s decision in 2011 that the pill be made available to girls 16 and younger only if they have a prescription. Cecile Richards, the president of Planned Parenthood, has supported the ruling as “a significant and long-overdue step forward for women’s health that will benefit women of all ages.”

The newly elected Pope Francis has called for “decisive action” in the ongoing sex abuse controversy in the Catholic Church. Pope Benedict XVI made a name for himself in his days as a Cardinal by taking the lead in wiping up the “filth” in the Church. His critics, however, have accused him of doing more to cover up the abuse than clean it up. The Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests has responded by declaring that actions speak louder than words, and will weigh the Pope’s declaration once results have been shown.





## 99 Problems and Debt Is One

by Christina Taylor '14  
Guest Opinion

DEBT

Class of 2013, the end is in sight; graduation is around the corner! After four years in college it's time to start making money with that newly earned degree, rather than spending money paying for it. You envision a bright future with a promising career, a loving family, and a luxurious retirement. After all, you've been told a college degree takes you places. But how far are we talking here?

Unfortunately, the numbers are in and they aren't pretty! You just survived your fourth year at PC paying more than \$50,000, and now reality starts sinking in: a study done by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York found that 43 percent of 25-year-olds had student debt in 2012, an increase from 27 percent in 2004. Well, that's just national averages, what about our numbers? Data from the Institute for College Access and Success estimates that 74 percent of Providence College students graduated with debt in 2011, with each student owing around \$32,000. Effective later this year, interest rates for new loans will rise to 6.8 percent, twice the rate of the previous year. If you thought paying for college was hard enough, paying off that interest rate will only be harder.

This is a major problem, but imagine a different future: a future where we could graduate and take jobs that made a difference, benefited the public, and engaged and excited us, rather than take jobs just for an income. Then later down the road we could pay for a home, a car, and a college education for our children without being blocked by poor credit scores. A much brighter future could unfold, one in which we would be able to save for retirement knowing that our family has been taken care of. A cycle could begin that would release our country from crippling student debt, and through college affordability a new educated workforce could emerge ready to guide our country and revive the economy.

This could be our future, if we start standing up now. What if we as students started using our voices to limit student debt? We are the future of this country, and our opportunities should not be restricted by the loans we have accumulated. You might think that these issues don't affect you, but they affect every one of us—if not today, in the years to come. We need to start talking about ways to cut the cost of college and make higher education accessible for all. Students, not just administrators, should have a voice because if enough of us speak up we will be too hard to ignore. So log on to thecowl.com, start the conversation in the comments section of this article, and tell us, what kind of future do YOU envision?

## People Magazine Is Not Important News

*A Society that Idolizes Celebrities Needs to Reassess Its Values*

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SOCIETY

It is no secret that American culture is obsessed with the idea of celebrity, shown by the idolization of actors, musicians, and athletes. When the mundane errands of celebrities become front-page news, however, we must reassess our values as a society and question what we deem to be important issues.

Upon opening my Internet home screen recently, I was appalled to see that the top story was entitled "Kim K. Bares Baby Bump," and directly underneath was the article "Rihanna's Denim Don't," followed by a piece detailing the relationship and breakup of John Mayer and Katy Perry. Only after scrolling down some did I finally manage to find articles about the country's current economic situation, foreign affairs policies, and social issues. Still, interspersed between these articles were more pieces regarding sports and television.

The boundaries separating what constitutes "real" news and tabloid gossip are exponentially blurring. I do not mean to insinuate that reading celebrity gossip is a sin worthy of condemnation (I won't hesitate to read an article about the best-dressed stars on the red carpet), but when this type of news defines our culture, there is a major problem. Rather than speculating about Taylor Swift's love life, we should be focusing on the social and political issues which have the potential to directly impact our lives.

The only way that we can propel ourselves, as Americans, into a

prospering higher functioning future is if we invest our minds in current events, form opinions, and take action so that we can shape a better a future.

This can only happen if we put the real issues, such as the nuclear weapons scenario in North Korea, are taking a backseat to the articles outlining Kim Jong Un's love of American basketball and other pop culture nonsense.

A 2007 survey conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press found that only 69 percent of Americans could name the country's current vice president, a decrease from 74 percent in 1989. This decrease correlates with the rise of celebrity fascination. The same survey also found that 93 percent of Americans could identify Arnold Schwarzenegger while only 49 percent of Americans could identify Nancy Pelosi. This statistic presents an alarming view of our culture.



Once we learn to close *People Magazine* and turn our attention to real news (even if we have to dig for it), we can take the first step in changing the future for the better by turning away from pop culture and focusing our energy on solving the important issues at hand.



## For Humanity's Sake, Make Time for Your School

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CAMPUS

Are we obligated, as students, to commit ourselves to our school beyond the classroom? Or are we entitled to independence and freedom from involvement? While I believe students have the right to execute individual discretion, for the sake of humanity we ought to make time for our school and attempt to achieve personal enlightenment.

Involvement does not merely signify student collaboration. It means personal reflection, whereby individuals contemplate diverse insights. You might lose yourself in the moment and see a side of yourself you never realized before, too.

As a flutist in the Symphonic Winds, I am a finance major surrounded by spirited music majors, and I love every moment of it. I am able to escape into an aesthetic environment in which individuals are driven by the power of sensual beauty, precision, and cooperation. Moreover, I originally came into college with the intention of dropping band.

In fact, most students in college tend to drop band. What I was surprised to realize here, though, was that it is entirely liberating and refreshing in college. I wonder if those who dropped out have been able to experience the same sense of enrichment elsewhere.

We can't do it all; nobody has the time or perseverance to do everything. However, there's a lot out there beyond our knowledge. Despite the endless commitments to which we are entitled once we open our eyes, we can make time for such opportunities.

Sure, I encourage people to do things outside of what they are expected to do. Interestingly, home-schooled students graduate college at a higher rate than their peers, according to *CBS News*. Such students are also specified to enter college lacking social skills and experience in cooperation. Conclusively, there is no system to calculate the value of human outreach. As Hume once said, "Beauty is no quality in things themselves. It exists merely in the mind which contemplates them." Nonetheless, influential external factors are responsible for shaping established perceptions.

The changes in human behavior as a result of the connected

technological revolution seem to be overlooked. Aside from all the benefits of technology, mobile interactions tend to replace human collaboration. The limitations of a mobile device can dilute friendships based on a simplistic and generic form of terminology.

Ironically, what I am doing right now, writing articles every week, has led me to value the process of deliberation in contrast to a condensed form of mentality. Being a writer for the student newspaper, I often become overwhelmed with deadlines and face the fear of disapproval or backlash. But this has taught me to be proud of my beliefs, express myself clearly, and become fascinated about understanding diverse perspectives. I would never have known what I would be missing, had I not pushed myself to apply as an apprehensive freshman.

How can involvement translate to expressionism? Learning new things and appreciating opportunities beyond the classroom will provide you with a more complex and comparable mechanism to learn and explore. As Henri Amiel once said, "Almost everything comes from nothing."



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# Take Advantage of the Time We Have Left



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EDITORIAL

Spring is a season of rebirth and restitution. The sun reappears and then reminds us that it does, in fact, leave. It signals the commencement of quadding, pastel shorts, and ultimate frisbee. For seniors, however, spring seems to be a gentle reminder that we have precious time left together.

We are fortunate to have the small-school experience of walking to class and seeing five familiar faces along the way. It is safe to go to Ray alone on the assumption that one will run into a friend. At Providence College, our friends constantly surround us

and event notices flood our inboxes on a daily basis. It is frightening to imagine a world where our closest friends are not directly available.

After graduation, seniors will go their separate ways. Friendships, for the first time, will be harder to maintain. Many will be studying hard in graduate school, working “nine to fives” or even “nine to nines.” Let’s work hard to appreciate the relationships we formed at PC and spend more time with the people we’ve come to admire and respect. It is irrelevant whether they are students, faculty members, or administrators. They will never be more available than they are now. Take advantage of this and make an effort to spend more time with friends in the next few weeks.

## My Goal in Writing for *The Cowl*

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Opinion Staff

REFLECTION

Sitting here every Sunday preparing to write my Cowl piece of the week, I sometimes wonder about what I write and why I write. Who reads what I put into the newspaper? Do I have a weekly audience? By what measure do I even think that what I have to say is worth reading? Have you turned away from this article already without completing the first paragraph? I suppose some reflecting on the topic has made me think back on what I hope to do when I write each week.

One could say I have quite a few options when I get started, and often the beginning is the hardest. Writing in the Opinion section, my topics are essentially at my discretion. I could take a stab into the political world and voice my opinions of this printed platform. Perhaps a foray into the sporting world, or just talk about life here at Providence College. The

rest of the Opinion staff and I surely attempt to present work that might inspire, might offend, or might induce a simple nod of agreement. Perhaps some days I may want to throw out an inflammatory article simply to stir the pot.

Of course, that last option simply seems selfish. I would like to think that what inspires me the most to write a piece in the newspaper each week is to make someone, at the very least, crack a smile, or maybe even let out a chuckle or two. Oftentimes we are given the opportunity to voice opinion or utilize a soapbox, and with these instances, a sense of responsibility arises. It’s the responsibility to offer up something honest and hopefully interesting, something personal and hopefully pertinent. With this mindset I sit down in front of the alluring glow of the laptop screen and hope to offer some words of wisdom.

There is a plethora of negativity that fills the world and media around us. Any given trip through the many avenues of social media provides

statuses and tweets lamenting the woes of our college life. News outlets constantly remind us of the violent crimes human beings commit, and which country currently wants to watch another burn. Among it all, hopefully I keep things just the slightest bit more light-hearted, not to live in a world of ignorant bliss, but to provide a reminder of life’s positives. I find myself hesitant to add to the myriad of bad energy and heated opinions which may serve only to conflagrate the campus into painful arguments with few satisfying conclusions.

If I’ve kept your attention to this point and you are riding this article to its close, I hope I have met the aforementioned goals in my writing. I share this reflective sentiment in the hopes that, one day, one of you readers may pick up The Cowl in a bad mood and put it down in a better mood after spending some time with me on the page. If I do, let me know. It will be a much better memory years from now than any angry article causing riots in the streets could provide.

## Baseball Seems to be Striking Out

by **Nathan McGuire '15**  
Opinion Staff

SPORTS

In honor of last week, which was Opening Week, I will offer my article to the defense of the great game of baseball.

Once upon a time, before iPhones and Twitter became the mainstay of our culture, baseball was America’s Pastime. Those nine-inning, three-hour long games on sultry summer afternoons were once the pinnacle of our nation’s social experience.

The past 20 years, however, have seen a decrease in the popularity of baseball. And while dishing out blame is difficult and partly speculative, I contest that the move in recent decades toward a primarily digital and fast-moving cultural experience has left our nation’s longtime favorite sport behind.

In 1839, over 140 years before the Internet was introduced, Abner Doubleday was credited with inventing the modern-American game of baseball in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Obviously life in 1839, when the

first commercial telegraph line was just coming into operation, was much slower and quite a bit more boring than life is in 2013. Our country has come a long way in over a century and a half, and the game of baseball has remarkably braved the long journey through wars and depression, Republicans and Democrats, and jazz and hip-hop to still entertain us today.

Within the past few decades, however, and perhaps in line with the development of digital technology, especially social media and smartphones, baseball has declined in popularity.

I have seen the decline analyzed all over the news and in papers; but perhaps the best summary of all the arguments came from a friend who was once an avid fan: “It’s just too slow.”

It is a noble and valid argument. Nonetheless, it is entirely incomplete. The game, the sport that has reigned supreme in popularity for the past hundred years, should not be dubbed too slow when in fact it is our culture that is too fast.

The Internet and other 21st century technologies have shaped us as a

generation of fast-moving, thrill-seeking spectators. Relaxing means scrolling through “PC Confessions” or scanning Instagram for the latest pictures of last night. Book summaries are easily accessible online and whole seasons of TV shows are available to view in one sitting.

While our culture rushes toward the future, and attention is focused on moments that exist only in the digital dimension, baseball is being left behind.

And while all the modern luxuries have made some things easier, sometimes it’s actually a good thing (for your brain and body) to slow down and focus on the present.

Immersing yourself in an intense game between two great teams is a great way to spend a summer night, especially when the playoffs come around.

So, in the spirit of an American tradition, try to surrender at least one of your nights to one of the 162 games this season. And always remember to root for the Yankees! (Or your home team, but preferably the Yankees.)



# Run, Don't Walk, To Christ

by Fr. James Cuddy, O.P.  
Campus Chaplain

CAMPUS

I spent my Easter Sunday morning in the company of the Massachusetts State Police.

Please know that I did absolutely nothing wrong. I was on the highway, making my way to Boston to celebrate Mass, and minding my own business. I think I was probably praying the Rosary, as innocent as the day I was born. I may have been driving a couple of miles over the speed limit, but it was nothing crazy. Honestly, I'm the good guy in this story.

Now what's strange about this whole sordid affair is the manner in which I was busted. I was not pulled over by a cruiser with sirens wailing, but rather by a trooper on foot. He had already pulled over another car and decided he wanted to have a chat with me too. And so this stocky agent of the law—picture a fire hydrant with a badge—walked into the middle of the highway and extended a meaty finger in my direction as I sped towards him.

Afraid that hitting this little tyrant would do some serious damage to my car, I swerved out of the way and pulled over in the breakdown lane. My heart was beating out of my chest and my hands were shaking. The trooper arrogantly ambled toward the driver's side door with a cocky grin, seemingly proud that he had stopped a speeding car with his bare hands.

But that smirk was soon erased from the trooper's face. I rolled down the window and his eyes bulged. The strangeness of the situation hit him like a bolt of lightning. For no good reason, he had pulled over a Dominican priest in a bright white habit.

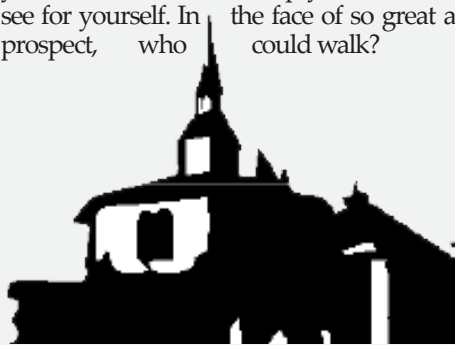
On Easter Sunday. On his way to Mass. Advantage: Cuddy.

Okay, fine. I was speeding and deserved to be pulled over. But it was not because I was running late. I was speeding because I was so excited to get to church to celebrate Mass. Lent was over and the tears of Good Friday had been wiped away. Christ conquered death and the world rejoiced. Going slowly did not seem to be an option.

One of my favorite images from St. John's Gospel concerns Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John. It's when Mary visits Jesus' tomb in the predawn hours. Seeing that the stone had been rolled away, she ran back to tell Peter. Not walked, ran. Upon hearing the news, Peter and John both ran to the tomb to see for themselves. Again, they ran. See what's going on here? They couldn't be slowed down on Easter morning either.

Easter should fill us with deep and abiding hope that no matter how dark our lives might be, the Lord can scatter the darkness with his own blindingly wonderful light. When all seemed to be lost, he showed himself the Messiah who delivered his people from slavery and gave them new life. Christ did it for them and he can do it for us.

Christ has great things in store for you. Run to the empty tomb and see for yourself. In the face of so great a prospect, who could walk?



# Immigration: Think About the Big Picture

by Lynnnie Marinaccio '13  
Opinion Staff

INTERNATIONAL

It is no secret that immigration is one of the hot topics of our age. Most of the time when we hear about immigration in the media it is discussed in political terms, and people tend to fall on either extreme end of the spectrum. While it is clearly a political issue, particularly when it comes to reforming the system, I challenge us to think about immigration beyond politics and more in terms of humanity.

It is easy to look at numbers, percentages, and statistics and make blanket statements along the lines of “undocumented immigrants shouldn't be here” or “undocumented immigration is wrong.” However, it's a lot harder to be unwavering and even hateful in these convictions when we stop to think about the personal stories of the approximately 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States. Eleven million people is a statistic, but let's think about the teenage girl who was brought here when she was a small child and has spent her entire life going to school, making friends, and considering this country her home. Let's think about the man who works long hours every day at his dangerous, low-paying job so that he can feed his family. Let's think about the family that fled violence and oppression in search of peace and dignity.

If we focus only on the fact that people cross borders, work jobs, and live in the country without the

required papers, I suppose it can be easy to write these actions off as wrong or “illegal.” But the conversation cannot end here. We need to think about why people are making these decisions. We need to talk about the fact that people are risking everything to be able to fulfill the most basic of human rights. We need to go beyond just insisting that people should come to our country in the “right” or “legal” way and acknowledge the flaws and impossibilities of our current immigration system, including the fact that, for so many people, there is not even a “line” to “get to the back of.” We need to not only be aware of the conditions and problems in other countries from which people are escaping, but also the fact that the United States' global involvement and policies have played a huge role in the displacement and migration of people all over the world. Above all, we need to recognize that, regardless of immigration status, a person is still a person and is still deserving of humane treatment and respect.

My intention is not necessarily to change anyone's political views, but rather to encourage deeper thought and more conversation on this subject. Before you declare someone “illegal” or an “alien,” consider that the person a parent, a grandparent, a sibling, or a friend, and, most importantly, a human being. Before you insist that his or her actions are wrong, think about the bigger picture. A country that prides itself on being a diverse and tolerant place cannot truly fulfill that dream if we continue to dehumanize any in our society.

# TANGENTS & TIRADES

## My Ode to the Sleep Mask

Dorm room sleep is difficult at times. I, however, have the secret to sleeping soundlessly through the night: the sparkly sleep mask. It's true, I could just have a talent for sleeping like a hibernating bear, but trust me, this thing will knock you out faster than a powerful sedative. I swear by it. This handy accessory gives the wearer the ability to sleep through noisy printers, bright lights, and roommate chatter. It makes shutting the shades to block out the glaring, morning sunshine unnecessary. Within minutes of putting it on, you're sent out into dreamland with all of your senses shut off while you lie resting in a trance. For what little sleep we college students do get, I think we deserve to sleep peacefully and the mask will make that happen. So sleep mask, I thank you, you never fail to disappoint. You have merely one downfall: you make it much easier to accidentally sleep through 8:30s.

—Kelly Sullivan '15

## Respect Opinions and Yourselfs

I'm not sure if it's just me, but there has been an awful amount of hatred and tension going around lately. Perhaps it simply plagues social media, but with heated debates regarding same-sex marriage and the creation of “PC Confessions,” I've been left dumbfounded by the tactless and rude manner in which people share their feelings and opinions. Last time I checked, we all had something to be grateful for. Not to mention that respect and dignity are not to be compromised simply because you feel passionately about something. Let's all learn to grow up and respect not only diversity in opinions and each other, but ourselves too.

—Emily Corr '13

## More to Being a Student than Academics

I'm really good at making “to-do” lists, and one of the most satisfying parts is crossing out an accomplished task. Too often, though, the listed goals are all academic and not entirely realistic. After all, there's so much more to our fulfillment as students and people than just doing our assigned homework. It used to distress me when something interfered with my narrow-minded plans, like when I ended up having a long conversation with someone instead. Not anymore. I realize now what an enormous part of our learning to be truly human has to do with our interactions with others and even more than this, our ability to listen. Keep the “to-do” list, but instead of just crossing out items, be open to adding priorities of a higher order too.

—Beatriz Forster '13

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## Lilly Makes Her Mark

by Sarah Dombroski '13  
A&E Editor

FASHION

For many hopeful prepSTARS and prepsters, spring has sprung when one sees their first brightly colored lace trim sundress adorned with geometric turtles or a fluid print. Lilly, on a first name basis with many, has redefined what dressing in a "preppy" way means for kids of our generation.

Ms. Lilly Pulitzer got her start through a rather different venture: a juice stand in the ethereal sands of Palm Beach. Already an heiress herself, Pulitzer married into the wealthy publishing family, but needed something else to do. While the juice stand proved to be the perfect distraction, juice stains did not.

Made of plain cotton with a simple construction, "Lillys," as they came to be called, became a mark of kinship for old-money families and remained so for over five decades. While Lillys did signify a certain socio-economic stature, they also remained accessible to all at their price point and were structured in a shape such that they could be made at home.

"I designed collections around whatever struck my fancy...fruits, vegetables, politics, or peacocks," Pulitzer told the Associated Press in 2009. "It was a total change of life for me, but it made people happy."

Believe it or not, the initial price point for Lillys was a mere \$22. "The line wasn't very extensive," Pulitzer told *Vanity Fair*. "The bodies, one was sleeveless and one had a sleeve. I mean everybody, they had to have them. Whether they fit or not, who cared? Just get one, I want it, I have to wear it to dinner."

This sort of attitude was the one that continued to propel Pulitzer to greatness through the ages. This need, this intangible desire that her fans had for her products was one people could not quite put their fingers on, given the outrageous designs, but it proved relentless and skyrocketed to be the uniform of the upper class

throughout the '70s and '80s.

Lilly endures today as a classic. While Pulitzer is unfortunately not with us anymore, Lillys themselves will be. "Lilly the lady was so much more than Lilly the label," Steven Stolman, a designer who consulted on a retrospective of Pulitzer's work in 2008 at Parsons School of Design, said. "In reality, her persona was far more colorful than the clothes. In so many aspects, she was a very reluctant fashion icon."

While her garments starkly contradict that mentality, Pulitzer will live on in the minds, and on the bodices, of many for years to come.



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# GALLERY: THE PLACE TO BE

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seemingly mundane. Christ worked from photographs to establish tangible environments in which she places distorted, blurred figures. Christ states, “I collect memories compulsively; like souvenirs in a hoarder’s obsessive sanctuary, those memories start to pile up. They become indistinguishable and forgotten. These collected memory tokens, whether or not they are consciously acknowledged, trigger different emotional responses and forever influence my identity.”

Several of these expressionistic paintings evoke feelings of serenity, while others offer confusion and even frustration, as the large brushstrokes and bold environment seem to interrupt the forming “memory.” Christ explains that she wants viewers to feel as if they are intruding on an intimate moment. “My intention is for observers to be consciously aware that they are in the act of viewing; they should feel intrusive and uncomfortable when studying these figures engaged in private transactions.”

The most successful piece in the show is “You and Me,” which happens to be Christ’s favorite, as well as her most recently completed. There is a balance between the architectural elements and the nonrepresentational figures in this painting, which allows it to embody the theme of the show overall. Christ describes, “This whole process has made me more aware of past events. It has been a tool of reflecting and has allowed me to see

how moments could happen in a second and change you.”

Cullen’s show, 60, is also well worth checking out, with the opening reception on Thursday, April 11 from 5-7 p.m. Cullen focuses on the “uncertainty of identity” through beautiful black and white photographs taken with a large-format camera.

The general tone of Cullen’s work is confusion, and viewers can expect to be unsettled and somewhat disturbed by the works, which show distorted portraits of various individuals. Cullen describes, “The confusion of what is going on in the photograph coincides with the unfamiliarity of the camera and the more general disorientation of everyday life.”

Cullen’s work uniquely combines the insecurity that accompanies self-identity with the doubt that arises when using unfamiliar methods of photography as an art form. She leaves some elements of her work up to chance, to reinforce the lack of certainty one has when questioning identity. “When I set up a double

exposure I don’t know what the actual image will look like because I cannot see it at the moment of capture,” Cullen explains. “Through double-exposing a single negative sheet with two portrait images, I am combining and comparing two identities.”

Christ and Cullen will have their work on display until Saturday, April 13, so be sure to make a trip to lower campus to support these talented student artists. Gallery hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

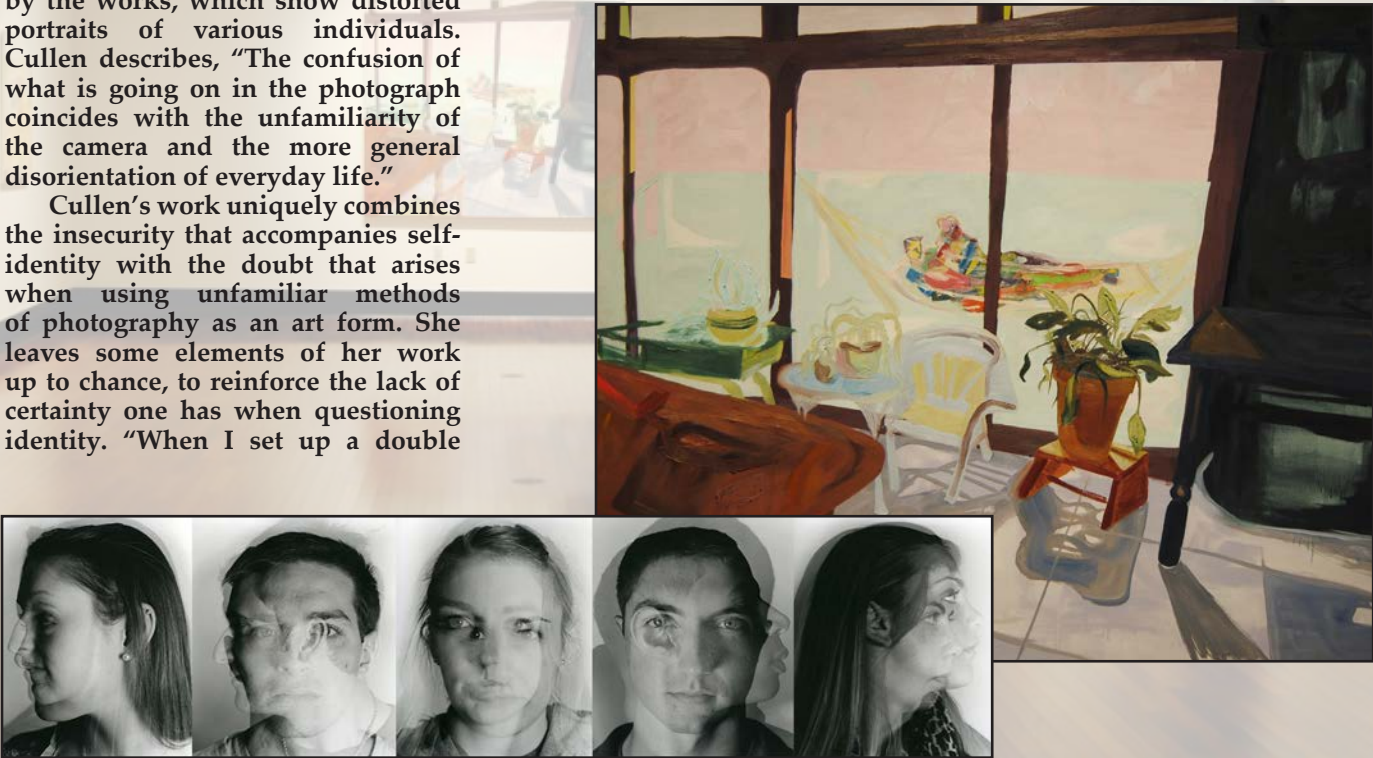


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## EDITOR vs. EDITOR

### This Week: Favorite Spring Garment

**Sarah O’Brien**

*Her Choice: Sundresses*

**Her Views:** Sundress=happiness. I’m in the mood to embrace the “PC girl” stereotype right now, as I sit in the entrance to Slavin, watching track teammates attempt to throw a Frisbee (that was only the fifth time they hit the glass) and people walking their puppies and students pretending to “study” as they study one another instead. I’m feeling inspired by sunshine, sue me. Sundresses are the best spring apparel because everything about them screams SPRING. Plus, if there are sundresses about, it means the weather must be pretty great—have you ever seen someone wear a sundress in the rain? (She doesn’t count.) You cannot be stressed while wearing a sundress. There’s even a song called “Sundress.” Is there a song called “Summer Sweaters”? Didn’t think so.

**Her Views on Dombroski:** Is this even a thing? To me, it seems counterproductive. Or maybe confused. Are you worried about picking sides between winter and spring, so you try to compromise? Putting “summer” in front of something doesn’t change what it is, Sarah. It’s a sweater. Is this sweater weather (say that 3 times fast) we’re hoping for? NO. We want 70-and-sunny. Summer sweaters indicate severe commitment issues. You can’t commit to the warm weather. Or perhaps you’re just a Stage 5-Clinger to your winter wardrobe. You’re stuck in your sad, cold past. Just know that this is not the end, and that you are not alone. There are other summer sweater-wearers out there. You should also know that there are people who love you and want to help. PC does not currently have resources specifically for this condition, but the health center on campus is very accommodating. Please, spring into action and seek the help you desperately need.



**Sarah Dombroski**

*Her Choice: Summer Sweaters*

**Her Views:** Summer sweaters are the quirkiest component of the sweater family. They are finicky, well, borderline pretentious, because they can only be worn in specific situations. However, if you are the master of the summer sweater, there is simply nothing better. A summer sweater differs from a regular sweater in how loosely it is knit; the looser the knit, the more summery it is. While it may seem as if this garment implies solely summer, spring is actually the perfect season for it. The “OMG it’s nice, but still kind of cold” factor lends itself perfectly to the demanding demeanor of this perfect article of clothing.

**Her Views on O’Brien:** Sundresses seem great in theory, however, there are several outstanding factors that do not make it the perfect spring outfit. 1) Pale leg season: When spring hits, it hits hard. No one is ready for it, but everyone is excited. Sundresses and pale legs are not cute. 2) Spring=wind: Spring is underratedly windy, and we all know what happens when wind and sundresses tango...too much of pale leg season. 3) You can’t just go only sundress: There is always stress in finding the additional component to wear with your sundress, a jean jacket? A cardigan? It’s awkward. Don’t be awkward. Wear a summer sweater.

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# RETURN OF THE JONAI

by Serena Ambroselli '16  
A&E Staff

MUSIC

Picture this: hundreds and hundreds of gawky, brace-faced, barely-there teenyboppers squealing with delight every time the Jonas Brothers are near, losing their voices from screaming out song lyrics at crowded concert venues, and getting into heated debates over which brother of the three is the best. We can all remember that part of our young lives, and for the past three years, the JoBros have solely been a fond memory, a dearly beloved boy band that once consumed every aspect of every day. And now, they are back!

The three-year-long hiatus left room for the likes of Justin Bieber and One Direction to take over the world of raging teen-girl hormones, but the Jonas Brothers have decided to return to the musical scene with the release of a new single and the announcement of a summer tour. The music video for their first new song, “Pom Poms,” is definitely not from the same boys who we last left years ago. Much like the majority of their fan base, the Jonas Brothers have clearly done some growing up—the video features plenty of scantily clad women twerking on the bleachers of a football field while our famous trio sings before them, a far cry from their sweet and innocent video for “Lovebug” circa 2008.

As for their planned summer tour, I know at least one girl who will be buying a ticket to see if their performances and new songs can break the sugary Disney

mold. With the innuendo in “Pom Poms,” it is safe to say that the Disney days are over, but will the fans latch onto JoBros 2.0 as easily as they did the first time around? A definite answer will come following the success— or failure—of their upcoming album and tour. Plenty of fans will want to see the new-and-improved version of the Jonai, all with fingers crossed that they have not tried too hard to disassociate themselves from their hair-straightening, lovesick-crooning days. There is, of course, hope that they can achieve a successful transition into mature, respectable artists; Demi Lovato is a great example of starting from Disney and skyrocketing through airwaves with compelling, genuinely good music.

The market for the target

audience of shrieking teen girls is rife with competitors, but the once baby-faced fans of the Jonas Brothers are now young adults in their roaring 20s. With luck, their now grown-up sound will appeal to the fans that have been there from the beginning, leaving the current crew of baby-faces to Bieber. The Jonas Brothers have a lot to prove in the upcoming months, a challenge that they are

evidently up for, and one that has fans, critics, and skeptics on the edges of their seats in anxious anticipation. Their return could be the start of a new and exciting journey, one we will gladly take part in for the fun of it.



# Finding Dory Finds Its Way to Our Hearts

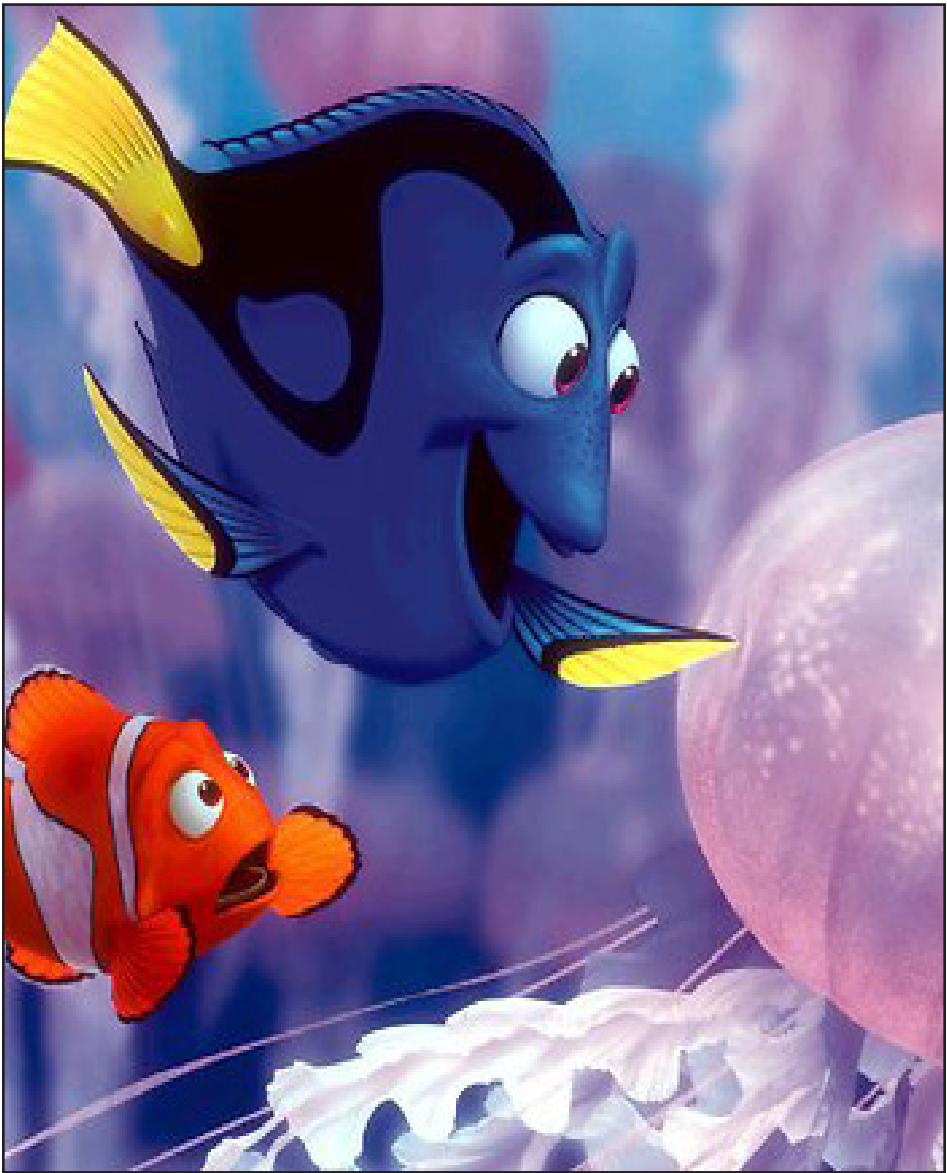
by Kelly Laske '16  
A&E Staff

MOVIES

It came as a complete shock to some, while others were shaking their heads and saying, “I knew it!” The announcement of a sequel to one of America’s most beloved films, *Finding Nemo*, was easily the entertainment buzz of the week. *Finding Nemo*, which made around \$922 million at the box office in 2003, captured the hearts of people of all ages and held the title as top-grossing Pixar film until the release of *Toy Story 3* in 2010.

Desire for a sequel came right after the release of *Nemo*, but people assumed it would not be for a long time, considering *Toy Story 3* was released 11 years after *Toy Story 2*. The sequel, titled *Finding Dory*, is set to be released in November of 2015, and many say they cannot wait that long to see it. Instead of focusing on the lives of Nemo and his father, the sequel will be centered around the life of the bubbly, talkative fish, Dory, who had helped Marlin find his son, Nemo, in Sydney, Australia.

*Finding Dory*, according to Pixar execs, will take a place around a year after Nemo was found, and the setting will be on the coast of California. Most of the characters from the first film, such as Nemo, Marlin, and the Tank Gang, will be coming back. The story is said to be a similar storyline to the original, just through the eyes of Dory.



According to director, Andrew Stanton, the producers thought it was interesting to think about as to why Dory was alone when she met Marlin, and why she was never with any family or friends, so Pixar decided to make it about her reuniting with her family and friends. Besides that, Pixar has barely released any information regarding the film’s storyline.

Ellen DeGeneres, who famously voiced the friendly but extremely forgetful Dory, cannot contain her excitement for the film and joked that she has been waiting for this to happen but was accepting of the fact that Pixar was busy making *Toy Story 16*. There has not been any other talk yet regarding if the other actors will return for the second film.

The question is, why do college kids seem to be the most excited about this sequel? It is as simple as this: We grew up with this film, and it is safe to say a lot of us have probably seen it close to 10 times since it came out. Just like Pixar’s release of *Toy Story 3*, these films tend to come out at completely different times in our lives than the original. When watching these films it does not seem like that much time has passed. Even though *Finding Dory* will not be coming out for another two and a half years, the buzz about the film will not calm down until its release on November 25, 2015.





# PHOTOGRAPHY

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**ABOVE:**

SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL

Students enjoy the warm weather by throwing frisbees, laying on beach towels, and completing homework assignments.



**ABOVE:**

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The Dominican community celebrated its annual RCIA Mass this past Sunday, April 7, welcoming over a dozen students to the Roman Catholic Church.



**ABOVE:**

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On Tuesday, April 9, Campus Ministry brought in Matthew Weber '06 to deliver a lecture entitled "Book Deals, TV Shows, and a Harvard Diploma: Finding Joy After PC."

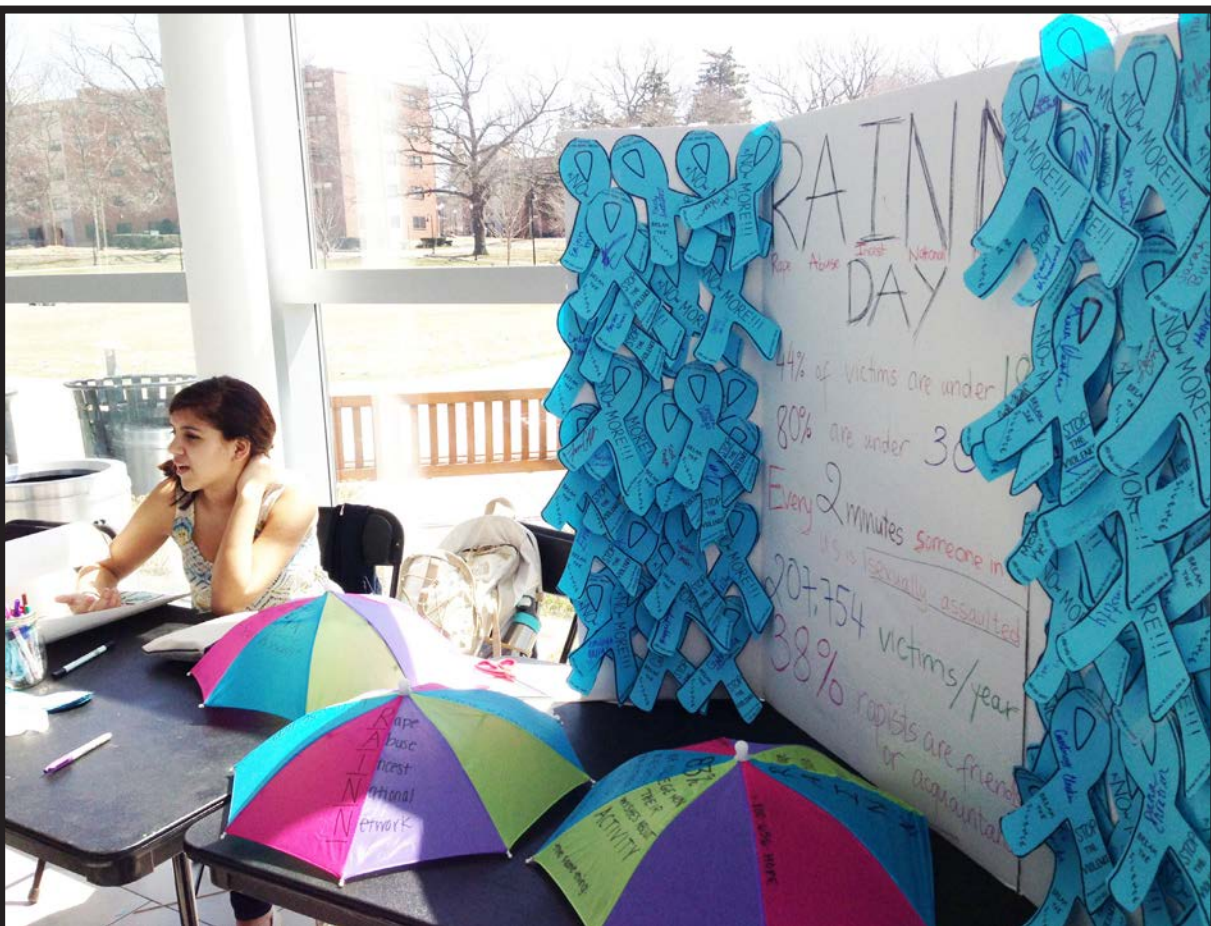


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**ABOVE:**

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Campus Ministry and the Rhode Island Blood Center held a blood drive on Tuesday and Wednesday of this past week.

**LEFT:**

This past week, Women Will sponsored events that provided education about sexual assault and support for survivors, including hosting an event called "Take Back the Night," a safe and anonymous space for people to share their personal stories.

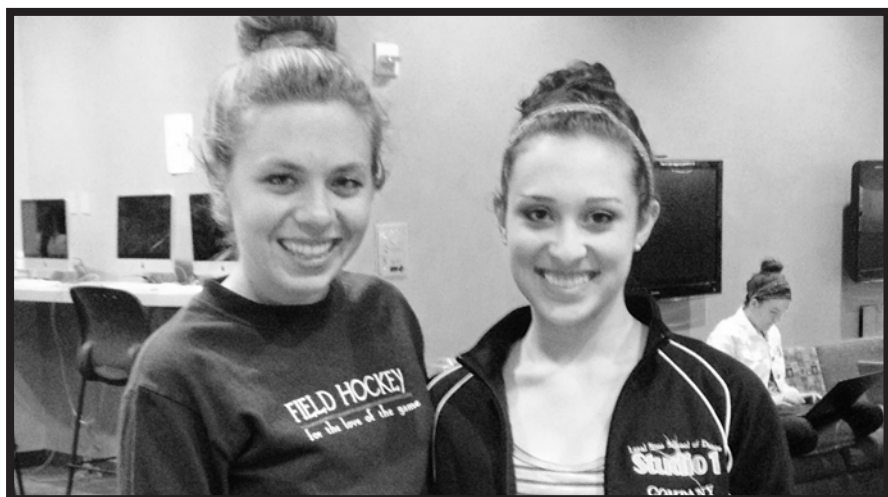




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## *What is your favorite spring activity?*



**"Spring concert!"**

Bridget Isaacson '16, Megan Wheeler '16



**"Sitting on the quad."**

Jillian Gentile '15, Allison Hart '15, Casey Sullivan '15



**"Being able to run outside."**

Emily Voight '14



**"Eaton Street on Saturday afternoons."**

Clare Dempsey '14



**"Kan jam."**

Ant Orrichio '13, Chris Tansey '13,  
John Mack '13, Allan Barbosa '13



**"Walking our dog Coco."**

Rita Callahan '15, Jillian Sorrentino '15



**"Polo."**

Lilly Pulitzer



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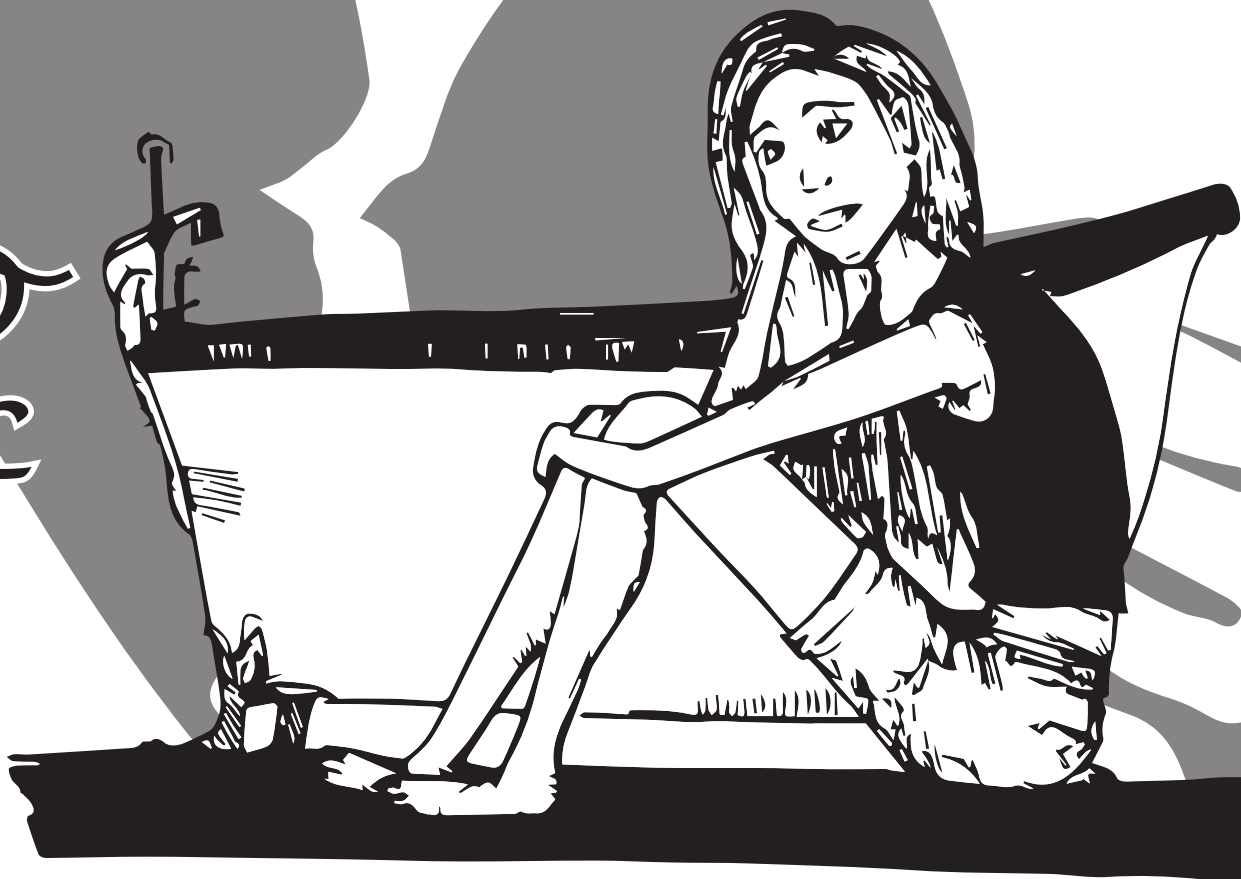
# PORTFOLIO

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Casey Lynch '14

## Ain't No Stick of Gum



by Keely Mohin '14  
Portfolio Editor

FICTION

They called it clubhouse.

Boy and Girl would nuzzle together, their chests touching, their limbs tangled together like yarn, and talk within that safe space constructed with nothing more than a bumpy mattress, a few sheets, and a flimsy blanket. With just their bed they blocked out light and sound and made it so that it was just them in the entire universe. Just the two of them who had anything to say, or needed anything to say, or wanted anything to say, and all the rest—grad school, friends, the entire world—could just go off itself.

But clubhouse was not just about frivolous confessions of insipid affection. That space, that six-inch lumen between sheet and blanket, that pulsing, living life, saw serious discussion. Boy and Girl laid together there and laid all of their nonsense bare.

“Boy,” Girl said, her mesh of auburn hair wrapped between Boy’s fingers, “didn’t you know that I love you?”

Boy knew those words had been said a million, no a billion, no a trillion times over in the world—in poems and plays and songs, in cars and in houses, in truths and in lies, given out every time like nothing more than a stick of gum, outdated like a bad pop song. But to Boy, the word love still had some weight. It still placed pressure on the scale somewhere deep inside of him, in that place where no one had gone or touched or even pointed to since, well, ever.

Boy’s initial reflex was to retreat back, like a kicked dog, and close that deep place forever and run away and leave Girl there completely vulnerable. Because that’s what Boy did when that pesky love word was thrown out recklessly into the oblivion. Run.

There was something, though, about Girl’s eyes. They weren’t trusting or

bright; her dark pupils were so small that Boy could hardly tell they existed at all. Girl buried her chin in Boy’s arm, turned on her side, and ran her fingers over his chest. Her hand shook.

Boy knew this was no guise. Besides, even if her hand didn’t shake, even if her eyes were translucent, this was clubhouse. This was a place of serious discussion. Clubhouse didn’t stand for any stick of gum.

So Boy placed his hand over Girl’s on his chest, nibbled her nose, and opened that deep, hidden place inside where he kept his scale.

“Girl,” he said, his voice plunging into the oblivion, his innards weighing his words like gold, “didn’t you know that I love you too?”

Girl’s pupils dilated like nobody’s business.

Girl was having one of her “bad days.” They were the days where the world just didn’t make any sense, and up seemed down, and down seemed up, and her whole heart felt like somebody she loved very dearly had died.

But the trouble was nobody had died at all.

“Hey Girl,” Boy said as he roamed into their studio apartment, one incessantly smelling of grease and cheese from the Greek diner downstairs. He shook off his lab coat and threw it on the couch before taking a swig of expired milk from the fridge. He blanched and spit it out into the only sink in the apartment.

“Phew, Girl, didn’t you do some shopping after class?”

“Didn’t go to class,” muttered Girl. She sat fully clothed in the tub situated in the center of the room.

Boy’s face fell. He dumped the clumpy milk down the drain, kicked the fridge shut, and made his way to Girl’s side.

“Having a sad, mad, bad day again?”

“Bad thoughts came again. You know, the ones that tell me I’m useless and that I’ll never finish my dissertation. The ones that make me want to die. The ones that make me

feel like I have died.”

“It makes me sad when you have those thoughts, Girl,” said Boy.

“It makes me sad too.”

He carried her to the bed for a clubhouse.

When the blankets were situated just so, when their faces touched nose tip to nose tip and grad school, friends, and the world had all gone to off themselves, Boy and Girl had a serious discussion.

“You’ve been taking the Sertraline regularly? Not missing any doses?” asked Boy, his hands lost in Girl’s honey hair.

“Noon on the dot every day, Boy. Freaking Christ himself couldn’t have been more religious about it than me.”

“You’ve been seeing Therapist? Making your standing appointments between class and work every Monday?”

“Haven’t missed one yet.”

“I don’t understand, Girl.”

“I don’t understand either. It’s like a wire went loose in my head and it’s spraying electricity everywhere. I don’t know how else to explain it.”

“You don’t have to try to explain it.”

Boy and Girl didn’t speak for the rest of the night.

Boy and Girl arrived home from an appointment with Therapist to the grease and cheese smelling apartment. Girl’s head throbbed.

Come to think of it, her whole body throbbed.

“I’m beat, Girl,” said Boy. “I’m going to lie down for a bit. Wake me in an hour?”

Girl nodded. Boy smiled slightly, nibbled her nose, and pulled off his clothes before burying himself in bed. Girl watched him move, haggard-like, his muscles screaming against the weight on the scale deep inside of him. She sighed.

Girl slipped into bed beside Boy. She lifted the covers above their heads and created that safe, sacred place that shut out grad school, friends, and the entire world until they all went to go off themselves.

“Mmm? What’re you doing, Girl?”

Something wrong? Thoughts getting to you?”

“No.”

“Just needed to cuddle?” Boy asked, opening his eyes lazily.

“No. This is a clubhouse for serious discussion.”

“Discussion? Okay, Girl, the clubhouse is yours. What’s on your mind?”

“You’re looking old these days, Boy.”

“I’m feeling a bit old these days, Girl.”

“I’ve been thinking about that lately,” Girl said slowly, deliberately.

“Yeah? No longer attracted to my hot bod?” Boy asked.

“Nope, all that sexual tension stuff is still there.”

“Yeah?” Boy asked. “Then what’s on your mind?”

“It’s just not any use.”

“What’s not?”

“Getting rid of the death feeling. It’s always going to be here.”

“Don’t talk like that.”

“I think I’m going to leave you,” said Girl after a slight pause.

Boy jolted up straight. Girl could see that his deep, secret place inside had clenched and the pressure on his scale reached colossal proportions.

“What’re you talking about?”

“It’s just not fair, Boy. I know you’re tired.”

“No, I can help you.” Girl placed a firm finger against his lips.

“It’s okay, Boy. It’s okay.”

“But I...I...”

“Hush,” said Girl.

Boy suddenly let out a great sigh. That deep place inside relaxed, the pressure on the scale released. His eyes were sad, his chest deflated, but Girl swore she spied a flash of relief.

She knew this would be the last clubhouse in history, and all the while empty expressions of insipid affection from others would plunge endlessly into the oblivion.

“Didn’t you know I love you, Girl?” Boy said, his voice oddly high.

“Didn’t you know I love you too?”



# Name that Character!

## Claims to Fame

Won the ultimate fight to the death in post-apocalyptic North America. This brutal babe is more than just brawns, though. She's also a clever trickster.

## Chosen Craft

Just call her Cupid because this sassy sourpuss has a killer aim with a bow and arrow.

## Hot or Not?

They don't call her the "Girl on Fire" for nothing. She's simply *simmering*.

## Personality

Smiling doesn't exactly come naturally to her, and while she may have a tendency to be reckless with a certain Pita Bread's heart at times, Portfolio has dubbed her a-okay.

## Conflicts

Evil dictator, depressed and absent mother, love triangle extraordinaire, a drunken mentor, and style trends that would make Lady Gaga gasp.

Check Back Next Week  
for the Answer!

Illustration by  
Casey Lynch '14

## Last Week's Answer: Dr. Frankenstein

"I had been the author of unalterable evils; and I lived in daily fear, lest the monster whom I had created should perpetrate some new wickedness."

*Frankenstein*, Chapter 9 by Mary Shelley

## The Garden

by Emily Goodnow '14  
Portfolio Staff

You are blooming,  
Budding inside my chest.  
Only you I'm grooming.  
You have my heart arrest.

Come springtime,  
When rain begins to fall,  
You plant inside my mind.  
Seeds deep but small.

You sprout in the sunlight  
With exceptional ease  
I'm awed by your sight.  
I drift in the breeze.

Shower your petals  
Just let them run.  
Each is a medal  
Of my heart you've won.

## Last Written Words

by Elizabeth O'Neill '16  
Portfolio Staff

Empty bottles, medication  
Expiration dates unknown  
Stacks of notebooks  
Papers, napkins, newspapers  
Words  
Ink stains, lined paper  
Broken pencils and broken hearts  
Writing to escape  
Insanity  
Words, only words  
Nonsense on scraps of paper  
Antidote to the sickness  
Is the sickness itself  
Paper pills and handwritten eulogies  
To the writer  
Anonymous

## The Ball

by Mason Sciotti '15  
Asst. Portfolio Editor

I formed myself into a ball  
And down the street I rolled.  
It's curious that such a ball  
Could come from a square mold.

I shed my lines, and onward went  
A-rolling down the road.  
Was it from Hell or Heaven sent  
That I should break my mold?

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# Splint

by Justin Fernandez '15  
Portfolio Staff

Slow beat, slow beat; this splintered heart has missed a beat.  
These splinters are the poison in my veins;  
The poison eats away the pain.  
At last, no ache to treat.

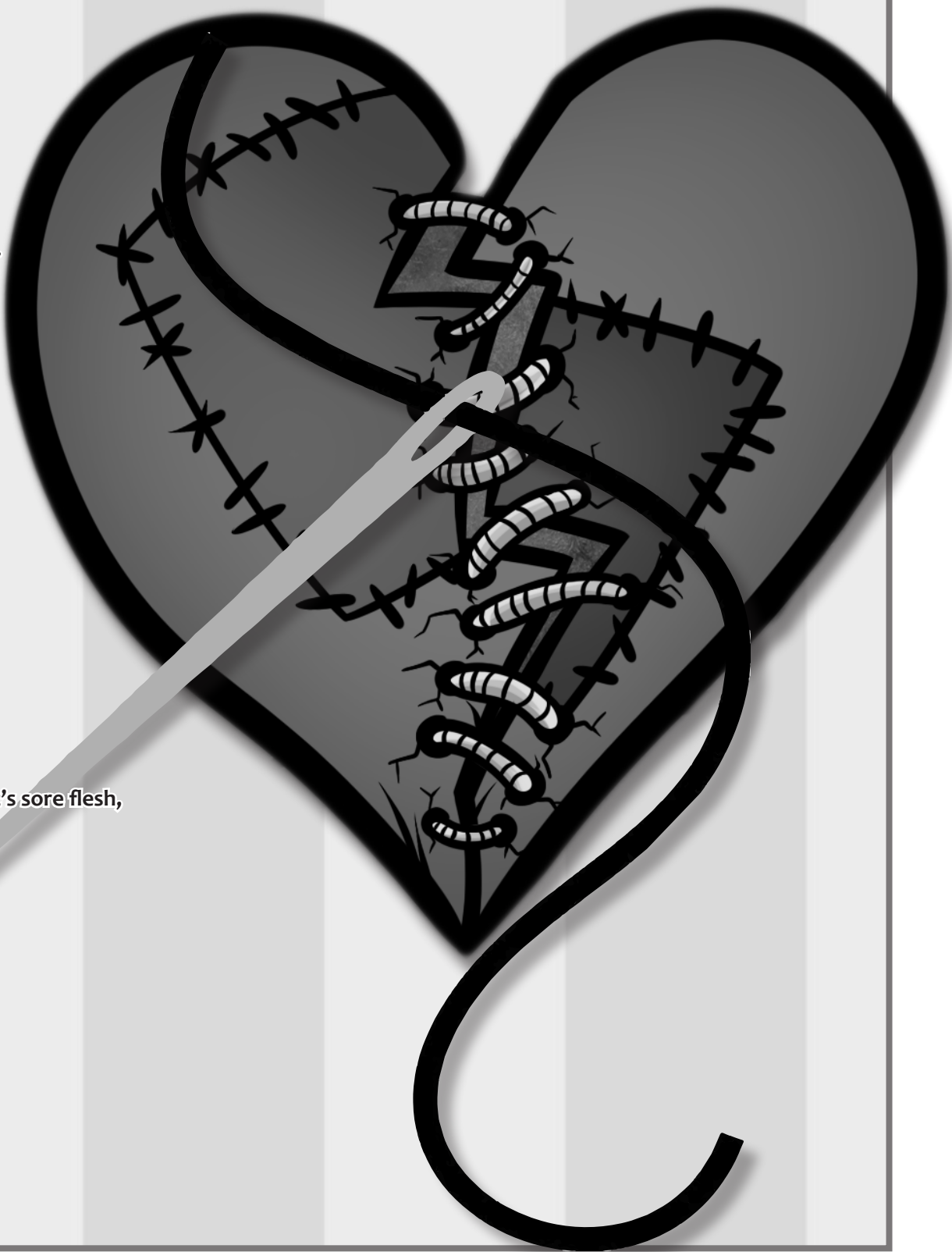
To bed, to sleep, away and gone, I go to sleep.  
Inside my dreams no one can see the scars  
That leave my skin broken and marred;  
No one but him who weeps.

And walls, those walls that Babel built, will keep love out.  
So higher, higher to the sky; “I’ll block  
You out and fix my church upon  
My rock. Stay out, get out.”

They tumble, crumble, to the ground you tear them down;  
Those walls that keep me hidden and proud collapse,  
So all that’s left now are the gaps.  
And as I look around

You squeeze, and tweeze, and tweeze, and squeeze my heart’s sore flesh,  
Until the splinter in this heart comes loose.  
You drink the poison like a juice;  
I see a life afresh.

You turned the poisoned wood into the splint  
On which you wrote a new blueprint.



# Tiffany & Earl

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Dear Lonely,  
Sounds like someone has some serious self-esteem issues...TO THE MAX. Girl you need to *chill the \*&^% out*, comprendes? You are probably emitting some sort of noxious essence called “desperation” that is scaring all the fine fellas and directing them approximately 500 miles north of wherever you’re standing. Do you talk about how many children you want to have? Do you practice mom hairstyles? Do you have a secret diary of baby names, one which you add to about 17 times a day? (I know, me too.) I think our goal today is to reign you in and zen you out. Make peace with the fact that your ovaries are not expired, you are not as old as you think, and that there are plenty of opportunities swooshing around in the inbetween just waiting to be born. Ask not who should ask you to Commencement. Ask whom you should ask to Commencement. No married women got to the altar being silent, chaste, and obedient (no matter what Willy Shakes said). You have to earn some r-e-s-p-e-c-t and go out there and demand what you want.

Tiffany

# This Week: Crazy Commencement

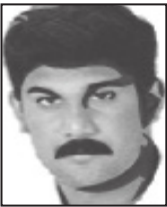
Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I’m a socially awkward senior who’s never had a date to anything in my entire life. No date for prom, I ran away to California to avoid the embarrassment of going to JRW alone, and I’ve skipped every other class event. However, I really want a date to Commencement. Tiffany and Earl, do you have any advice?

Sincerely,

Lonelygirl2013

Dear Girl,  
Hey, no big deal. You should just skip Commencement. Do you really think that bringing a date to hot events like “Eat On The Slavin Lawn” (dress code: semiformal) is worth \$210. For two tickets and a tux? Earl doesn’t. In fact, Earl thinks that is absurd, although he isn’t bitter. Joke’s on you, PC—I’m never going to graduate! I just declare a new major every other year and never finish one. I have hundreds of thousands of credits by now, if you include my coursework at MIT. Basically, I rule. As for your problem, yeah, skip it. You are like 22 or something, right? You don’t need another prom. Just go look at your student loan balance for a while and think positive!



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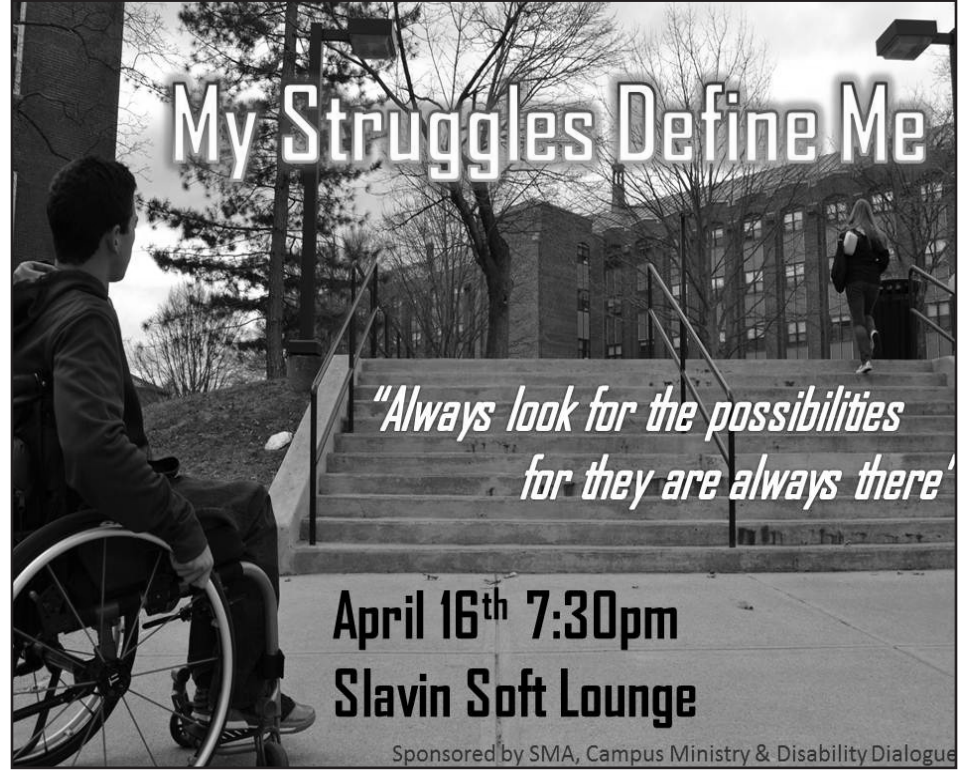
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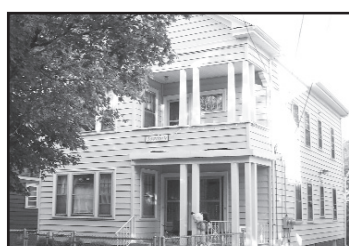



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# Who Will Win the World Series?

## Nationals

In an MLB offseason in which the majority of World Series contenders made strong moves, one team made only a few. Though not many, these acquisitions in the off-season have helped form the best team in baseball. The Washington Nationals did not land Josh Hamilton, Zack Greinke or Justin Upton, but they did land a sure-fire leadoff hitter in Denard Span, who they acquired from Minnesota. They also added Dan Haren, who could be a second or third starter on any team, to their rotation to be their fifth starter in the best rotation in baseball. Led by Stephen Strasburg, Gio Gonzalez, and Jordan Zimmermann, the rotation will pitch the Nationals to the top of the MLB standings in the regular season, and will be the strongest bullpen come October. Another free agent signing, Rafael Soriano, will anchor their shutdown pitching rotation. Span helps anchor a star-studded and balanced lineup, which features wonder kid Bryce Harper, Ryan Zimmerman, and Jayson Werth. While only Harper's name will jump out to the casual fan, the Nats lineup is not to be overlooked, and will help back up the almost guaranteed quality starts from their pitching rotation. I predict that the Nationals can win up to 100 games this year and take a lesson from last year's NLDS collapse against the St. Louis Cardinals. Using both of these to their advantage, I see the Nationals winning a tightly contested World Series over the Detroit Tigers come late October.

-Joey Ciccarrello '16

## Braves

While my counterpart is being optimistic with his pick for the next team to go home with a World Series ring, I foresee a team that is much more realistic. The Atlanta Braves, who have been quiet for the past few years, will make a serious run for the title this year. With the acquisition of Justin Upton this past January, he is now joining his brother B.J. in the outfield for the Braves. This dynamic brotherly duo is the key to the Braves winning the series this year. With these two in the outfield, Atlanta now has one of the strongest outfields in the National League. Already, Justin Upton is making an offensive difference for this team. On April 8, Justin went four for four with his sixth home run of the season—only two weeks into the season. The most recent acquisition for the Braves is Luis Ayala. This right-handed reliever, who came to the Braves from the Baltimore Orioles, will give the Braves experience and depth in the bullpen. These two new players elevate Atlanta to the level of a World Series contender this year. The Atlanta Braves are 7-1 so far this season, demolishing everyone in their path. On April 10, the Braves defeated the Miami Marlins with a resounding score of 7-0. Though the Nationals have Bryce Harper—their bread and butter—the Braves have a stronger team, and a more impressive chance of going home with the ring.

-Bridget Stack '13

# In the Spotlight

**Men's Lacrosse:** The men had a difficult but promising week on the turf. They fell to the fifth-ranked team in the nation, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, in a hard fought game. The Friars were led in the fight by JT Weber '13 and Sean Wright '14, who each had two goals. The team looks to bounce back this week as they visit Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

**Women's Softball:** The Lady Friars moved to 12-20-1 on the year. They did not fare well in their two-game series against the Louisville Cardinals, losing 16-2 and 17-6. Even in their losses, Jessie Bryant '13, was able to fill up the stat sheet, contributing two hits, runs, and RBIs.

# In the News

**Weekly Honors:** Laura Nagel '14 was named Big East Women's Track Athlete of the Week on Tuesday, April 9. She was presented this award in recognition of her win in the 5,000 meter run at the Colonial Relays in Williamsburg, Va. She has been a source of performances like this through her Friars career, but her time of 15:50.36 marked a personal throughout for her in this event.

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# Lacasse Continues to Excel

## Former PC Goalie Has Successful Rookie Season

by Veronica Lippert '15  
Sports Staff

NEWS

Genevieve Lacasse '12 spent her four years in the Friars' crease racking up records and awards. The former Hockey East Goaltending Champion and Rookie of the Year holds Providence records for career saves, games played, wins, and shutouts. She consistently stood on her head for the Friars, giving them a chance in every game she started and she is now doing the same at the next level. Lacasse was drafted by the Boston Blades, the only US-based team in the Canadian Women's Hockey League, in their July Entry draft. She is the fourth PC graduate to play for the Blades and one of two on the team's current roster. The other is Olympic veteran Karen Thatcher '06. During the season Lacasse started 14 of the team's 24 regular season games, splitting time with USA National Team goaltender Molly Schaus. Lacasse ended

the season with only one loss, an impressive 1.26 goals against average and picked up Goaltender of the Year honors at the CWHL Awards Gala. In the Clarkson Cup final against the two-time defending champion Montreal Stars, Lacasse got the call in goal when it mattered most. She was solid between the pipes in the Blades' 5-2 win, out-dueling fellow Team Canada member Charline Labonte. Lacasse has been just as impressive in a Team Canada sweater. She won gold with Canada's U-22 Team at the 2013 Meco Cup. Of the six countries which compete in the Meco Cup, Canada is the only one to send their U-22 team. It was Lacasse's third Meco cup, having now collected two golds and a silver at the tournament. This year she started in Canada's wins over Germany and Finland, posting a shut-out against the Finns. During her stints with the Canadian Senior Team, Lacasse took home silver at the Four Nations Cup last November and made the roster for the IIHF Women's World Championships for the second straight year. Team Canada bested the US in a shootout to open the tournament but fell 3-2 to Team USA in the final, settling for the silver. The IIHF World Championship is the last major international tournament

before Olympic Team selection kicks into high gear. The Canadian Women's Ice Hockey Team has maintained a mostly consistent roster over the last two years and that is likely to continue into Olympic selection. Team Canada hopes to have the roster for the first pre-Olympic camp out early next week and Lacasse's name should be on it. There appears to be five goalies fighting for three spots on the Sochi Olympic Team. Shannon Szabados and Charline Labonte, the two goalies to earn playing time at the IIHF Championships are virtual locks to make the team. Three-time Olympian Kim St. Pierre will also likely receive an invite, but she has not played in a tournament for Team Canada in nearly two years. Even if she does attend tryouts, her standing will not guarantee her a spot on the final roster. The Canadian Women's Hockey Team allows no one to simply rest on their laurels, but St. Pierre definitely has the ability to win a spot. The other goalie Lacasse is likely to compete against is Christina Kessler, who Lacasse previously beat out for a roster spot in the 2013 IIHF World Championships. The bottom line is that Lacasse has a good chance to make the Sochi Olympics Team.



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# This Rice Is Better Not Steamed

## Rutgers Coach Ousted after Abusive Behavior

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COLUMN

Do not kick a man when he is down.

This old adage is a phrase you would least expect to resonate around practice gyms and college basketball facilities across the country.

Toughness in coaching should not be measured by the fear you put in the eyes and hearts of your players, but by the tireless teaching and guidance shown not only during games but also in film sessions, workouts, and practices.

A lot has been said over the past week or so about the actions of former Rutgers Head Basketball Coach Mike Rice and former Athletics Director Tim Perneti, both relieved of their duties and titles amidst this scandal.

ESPN's *Outside the Lines* an investigative sports series, acquired practice videos that showed Rice belittling his players with homophobic and racial slurs. It showed him hitting his players with practice dummies.

The most telling part of the videos is Rice hurling basketballs at his players—most of the time for little

to no reason. These players seem to be doing the drills, but it does not stop Rice from aiming for their heads, chests, and bodies during under the basket layup drills, or at their legs and feet during different offensive sets.

Perneti received word of Rice's actions and gained access to the videos days after he represented Rutgers University on the national stage in their move to the Big Ten Conference. Former Rutgers Assistant Coach and Providence Friar great Eric Murdock came to Perneti and told him of Rice's wrongdoings, but it only resulted in a three game suspension and a fine of \$50,000 for Perneti's first big hire. Assuredly, in order to keep Rutgers in the good graces of sports fans, especially Big Ten members, Rice was not dismissed in December when Perneti and others saw the practice videos.

Much has been said about Murdock looking out for himself monetarily during this process, but long before Murdock spoke up about Rice's actions, players and faculty alike were aware of his temper. Murdock explains in his interview with ESPN that he was made aware of similar actions at Robert Morris, where Rice coached from 2007-10. "It's amazing to me how he got this far in this profession,"

Murdock said. "What I understand is at Robert Morris there were five coaches-versus-player brawls in practice."

However, over the past few days, two Rutgers players have come out and defended their former coach. "You can't let those individual moments define what he was," junior forward and up-and-comer Wally Judge said. "In my past two years, me being an older guy and being under other coaches, I have grown from the moment I stepped in these doors, not only as a player but also as a person because of how he has treated me."

Sophomore forward Austin Johnson also felt Rice's successes were undermined because of the video. "I feel if people had a chance to see the other portions of practice, or had been at practice, their judgment would not be as severe," Johnson said. "I am not saying what he did wasn't wrong, because I do believe it was wrong. But it is also tough because it was a highlight reel of his worst moments."

In men's college basketball, the coaches are tasked with leading a group of boys and challenging them to become men over the course of the season. Rice's actions showed that he —not his players —was the one who struggled with the challenges of being a man.

# Opening Day

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NEWS

Near perfection. These are the two words you could use to describe the 2013 Opening Week in the MLB. This phrase references Yu Darvish's almost perfect game in his first start of the season against the Houston Astros. The Texas Rangers' right-hander came within one out of a perfect game, before Astros' shortstop Marwan Gonzalez lined a single right under the glove of Darvish. However, 2013 has already brought many exciting stories, late-inning dramas, and superb performances by stars in each league.

The initial week of the season included an important first for the league. In the offseason, Houston left the NL Central and became the newest member of the AL West. Now, the NL and the AL each have three divisions which consist of five teams apiece. As a result, the Los Angeles Angels and their 2012 AL Rookie of the Year, Mike Trout, faced the Cincinnati Reds on Opening Day. In order to balance out the schedule, there will now be interleague series matchups in every week of the regular season, instead of only in May and June.

In Boston, the Red Sox surprised many when they decided to call up 22-year-old Jackie Bradley Jr. to start in left field against the Yankees. The young outfielder was drafted 40th overall back in the 2011 MLB Draft and has quickly risen though the team's farm system. The Red Sox's Will Middlebrooks also made headlines over the weekend as he crushed three home runs in a 13-0 rout of the Toronto Blue Jays. Two of his home runs were surrendered by the reigning NL Cy Young winner R.A. Dickey, who has had two terrible starts early in his 2013 campaign.

In New York, the injury-stricken Yankees have gotten off to a slow start and are currently without their captain, Derek Jeter, in addition to power-hitters Curtis Granderson, Mark Teixeira, and Alex Rodriguez. However, the team will rely on the veteran leadership of players such as C.C. Sabathia, Andy Pettitte, and Kevin Youkilis to lead the squad. The Yankees have dropped their first two series of the year and are looking to quickly rebound and remain relevant in an extremely competitive AL East.

However, one of the main stories of Opening Week 2013 has been the remarkable performance of Baltimore Orioles' first-baseman Chris Davis. Davis joined Willie Mays, Mark McGwire, and Nelson Cruz to become the fourth player in MLB history to hit a home run in his team's first four games. In addition, the 27-year-old recorded 16 RBIs in Baltimore's first four games, which has set the MLB record for most RBIs.

Overall, the 2013 MLB season looks to offer some interesting competition throughout the summer for limited playoff spots, especially in the AL East, AL West and the NL East. The first week is too soon to predict any overall results, but it allows baseball fans to once again enjoy America's pastime.

# LEDO LEAVES

## Ricky Ledo Heads to the NBA Draft

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and enter the NBA draft.

"As much as I wanted to play for the Friars and help win a Big East championship, I felt I could not pass up this great opportunity to enter the NBA draft now. I love my teammates and I will always be a Friar," said Ledo in a statement regarding the situation.

An All-American top 25 pick coming out of high school, Ledo was restricted to participation only in practice as a result of failing to meet NCAA academic requirements last season. "Ricky is one of the most talented players I have had the opportunity to coach," said Coach Cooley. He went on to wish Ledo and his family the best and stated that he will always be a member of the Friar family.

What does this mean for the programs future? Ledo is a great player who certainly has NBA skill, and it is nothing short of disappointing that he will never suit up to play for the Friars. However, individuals do not win, teams do. The Friars still have plenty of potential to make next year

a memorable one. Returning are the Big East scoring leader Bryce Cotton '14, and arguably the most dominant center in the Big East, Kadeem Batts '14. This means the Friars will have veteran presence to complement the mix of young talent. Kris Dunn '16, who ended his season on a high, will likely run point, and every Friar fan should be excited after seeing him develop throughout last season. Transfers Carson Derosiers '14 and Tyler Harris '15 will finally be able to play, and will

immediately help in adding height and depth to the roster. Rodney Bullock '17 and top 100 recruit Brandon Austin '17 highlight the incoming class.

The loss of Ricky Ledo is unfortunate, but not devastating. The Friars could easily contend for an NCAA Tournament bid next year, and Cooley will have the team prepared. Do not let the loss of Ricky Ledo change the expectations for the team next season because in reality they should not and will not change at all.



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## Cutting the Net

### What Made March so Mad

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#### TOURNAMENT

For the second year in the row in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, the team selected as the number one overall seed played like it. The Louisville Cardinals mimicked the tournament run of last year's champions, the Kentucky Wildcats, dominating their region and eventually proving that the committee did the sport justice by ranking them as the top dogs going into the tournament.

Overall, this was one of the strangest NCAA tournaments in years. The parody up and down every region was noticeable from the start and left people with busted brackets in the first round. There are a few things from this tournament that will go down in the record books. First, No. 15 seed Florida Gulf Coast and their run in the tournament sparked the interest of the entire country. They beat two higher seeds on their way to becoming the first No. 15 seed to ever reach the Sweet 16.

Overshadowing the Cinderella story of Florida Gulf Coast was No. 9 Wichita State. They ripped off an improbable run to the Final Four, and nearly took out the eventual winners, the Louisville Cardinals.

Although they were challenged at times in the tourney, Rick Pitino's Louisville team displayed

incredible offensive fight along with their smothering defense. They did this on the two biggest stages of the tournament, both in their Final Four game against Wichita State, and in the Championship game against Michigan. Before those games, the Cardinals looked dominant in the early rounds of the tournament.

They were in control of their first four games against North Carolina A&T, Colorado State, Oregon, and Duke, cruising past their region to reach the Final Four. The coaching of Pitino throughout the tournament has to be praised. He stayed with his defensive game plan throughout the tournament, utilizing his team's speed and hustle in their press.

Pitino also had to coach his team through one of the most gruesome injuries in recent sports history. That came when Kevin Ware, a sophomore player for the Cardinals, suffered a compound fracture in the Elite Eight game against Duke. The injury was painful for Ware and visibly affected his teammates. However, Pitino rallied his team after this point and made the injury motivation for his players.

Pitino's week was not limited in its achievements. On top of winning his second national championship, he also received the news that he would be elected to the National Basketball Hall of Fame.

He will be making his entrance to the Hall of Fame with a new tattoo as well. Earlier in the season, Pitino promised his players that he would get a tattoo if they won the

National Championship. He has not since backed down from this claim, stating several times that he will be getting the tattoo.

As far as the team itself, there were several standouts for Pitino in Louisville's run. Senior leader Peyton Siva seemed to be the sparkplug behind every rally. Whenever this Cardinals team needed a steal or a basket, he was there to provide it. His backcourt mate Russ Smith was also outstanding in the tournament. He scored over 20 points in every game except the championship and created many opportunities for his teammates.

Finally, center and touted NBA prospect Gorgui Dieng contributed throughout the tournament as well. He rebounded and played great defensively, and seemingly knocked down every 10 to 15-foot jumper he was challenged on in the two games the Cardinals played in Atlanta.

The run of the Cardinals was capped off with one of the best title games in recent memory, an 82-76 victory over the Michigan Wolverines. Louisville withstood a crazy

shooting display by the Wolverines in the first half. They even got past the unexpected 21 bench points that came from Wolverines freshman Spike Albrecht, who could not miss in the first half of the game. However, despite the good offensive play of Michigan, Louisville took everything in stride and bounced back with offense of their own. They truly proved themselves to be the best team in the country.



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